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SEGA

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



**SHADOW
RETURNS ...**



**... AND
SONIC
DOESN'T STAND
A CHANCE!**

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SHADOW WAS CREATED ONBOARD
A LAB LOCATED IN GEOSYNCH
ORBIT OVER THE PLANET MOBIUS,
AND ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED
A PRODUCT, A CONSTRUCTION,
A WEAPON, ANYTHING BUT
WHAT IT TRULY WAS,
A BIOMECHANICAL LIFEFORM!

BY EVERY KNOWN DEFINITION,
IT WAS SENTIENT!
IT COULD THINK, REASON...
AND FEEL!

SINCE THE DEATH OF ITS
CREATOR SHORTLY AFTER
ACTIVATION, THERE HAVE BEEN
MANY QUESTIONS AND
ZERO ANSWERS...

**...SO FAR, THAT IS.
SHADOW'S QUEST BEGINS HERE...**

SHADOWS OF HOPE

THEY'VE BEEN
COMING HERE LIKE
CLOCKWORK THE
PAST SEVERAL
WEEKS--

--DOING THE SAME
THING OVER AND
OVER! WHY?
TO WHAT
PURPOSE?

SPECIAL THANKS TO
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AND DYNA LOPEZ
AT SEGA LICENSING

IN ANSWER TO A
ZILLION READER
REQUESTS...

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...PRESENT A SMALL
GLIMPSE OF THE
SAGA OF *SHADOW*!

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SHE
LOOKS
LIKE
MARIA--

--BUT SHE
SAYS HER
NAME IS
HOPE!

NO MATTER!
I'VE ALREADY
DELAYED
ENOUGH
AS IT IS!

IDENTIFY YOURSELF--

--OR ELSE BE CONSIDERED A FOE!

I AM NEITHER FRIEND NOR FOE--

--JUST SOMEONE IN NEED OF YOUR ABILITIES!

IN MY DESIRE TO CONFRONT THE CREATURE, I HAD CARELESSLY OVERLOOKED THE POSSIBILITY--

--THAT I MIGHT DRAW INNOCENTS INTO THE LINE OF FIRE!

OH!

IT'S HIM!

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

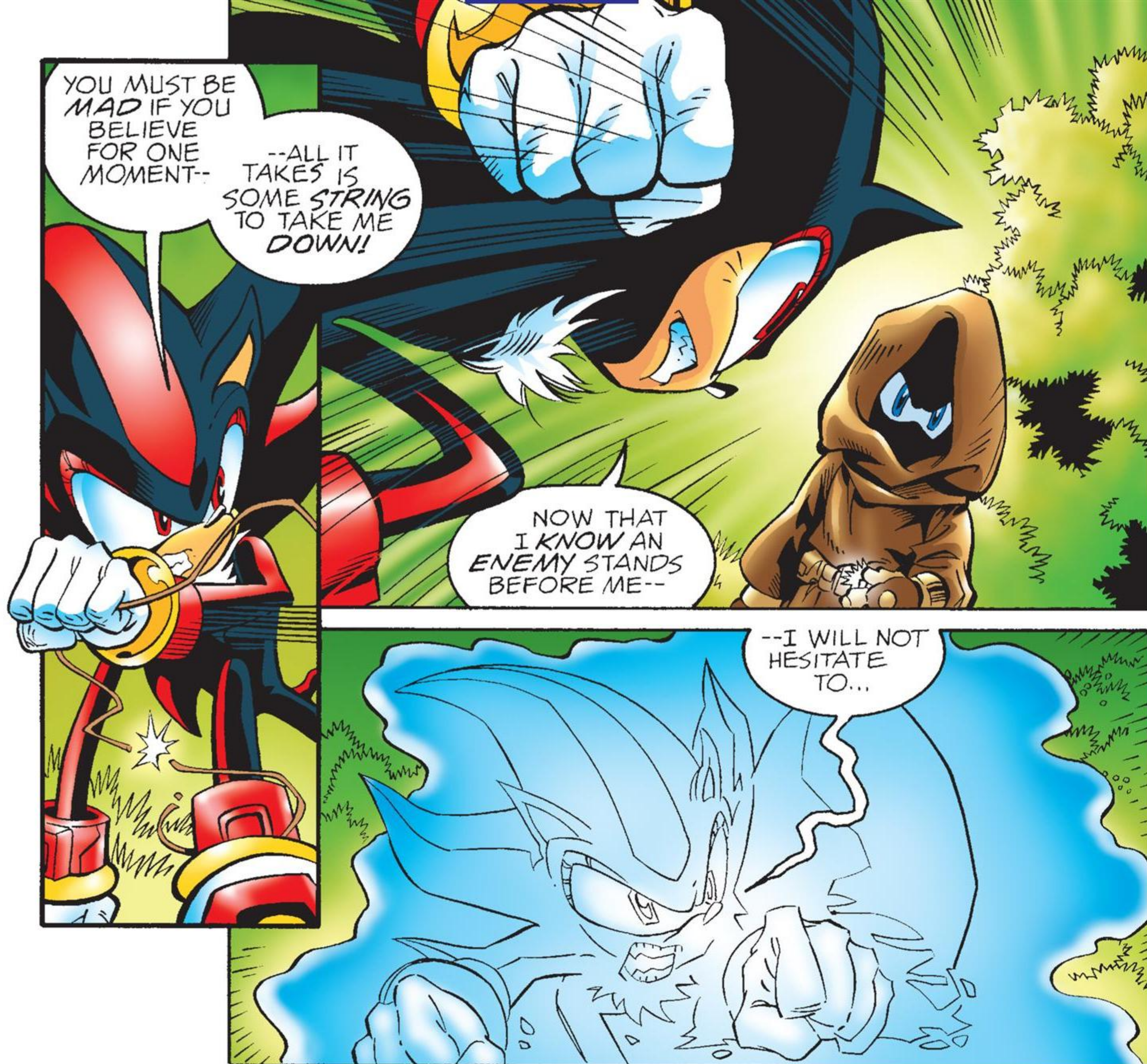
THEN I CHOOSE NOT TO BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR AFFAIRS!

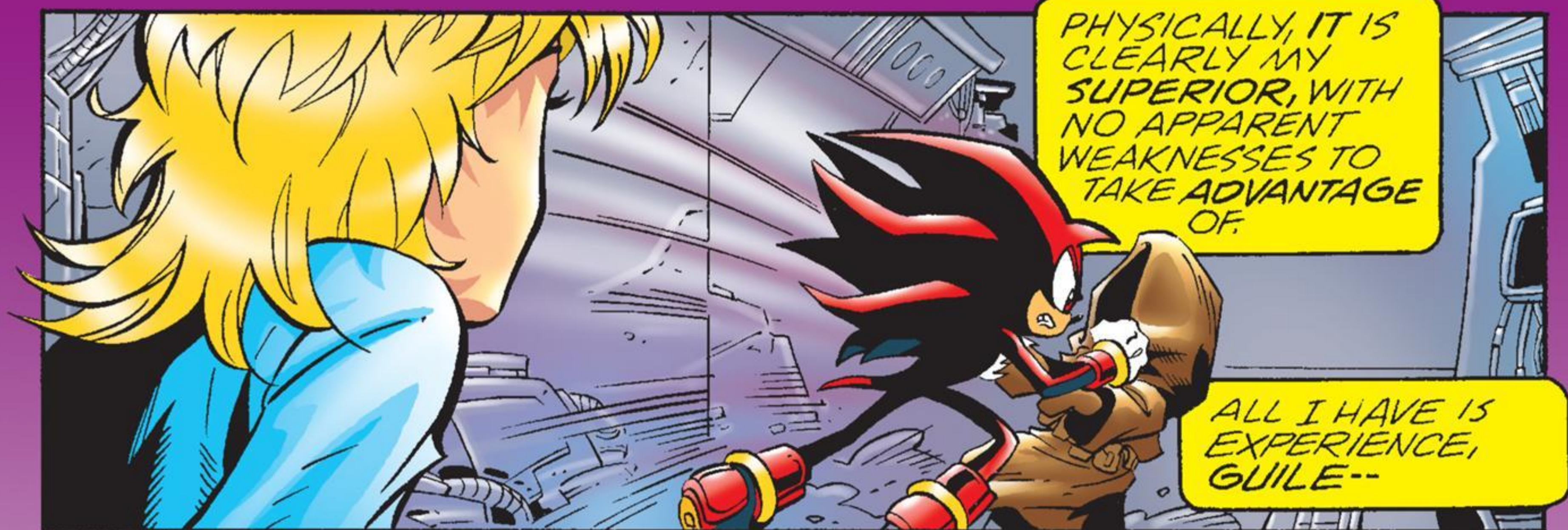
I RESPECT YOUR DECISION--

--THOUGH I'M AFRAID I CAN'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!

THWIIIP!

WHUMP!





PHYSICALLY, IT IS CLEARLY MY SUPERIOR, WITH NO APPARENT WEAKNESSES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

ALL I HAVE IS EXPERIENCE, GUILF--



--A KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMBAT ARTS--

THUDD



CLICK



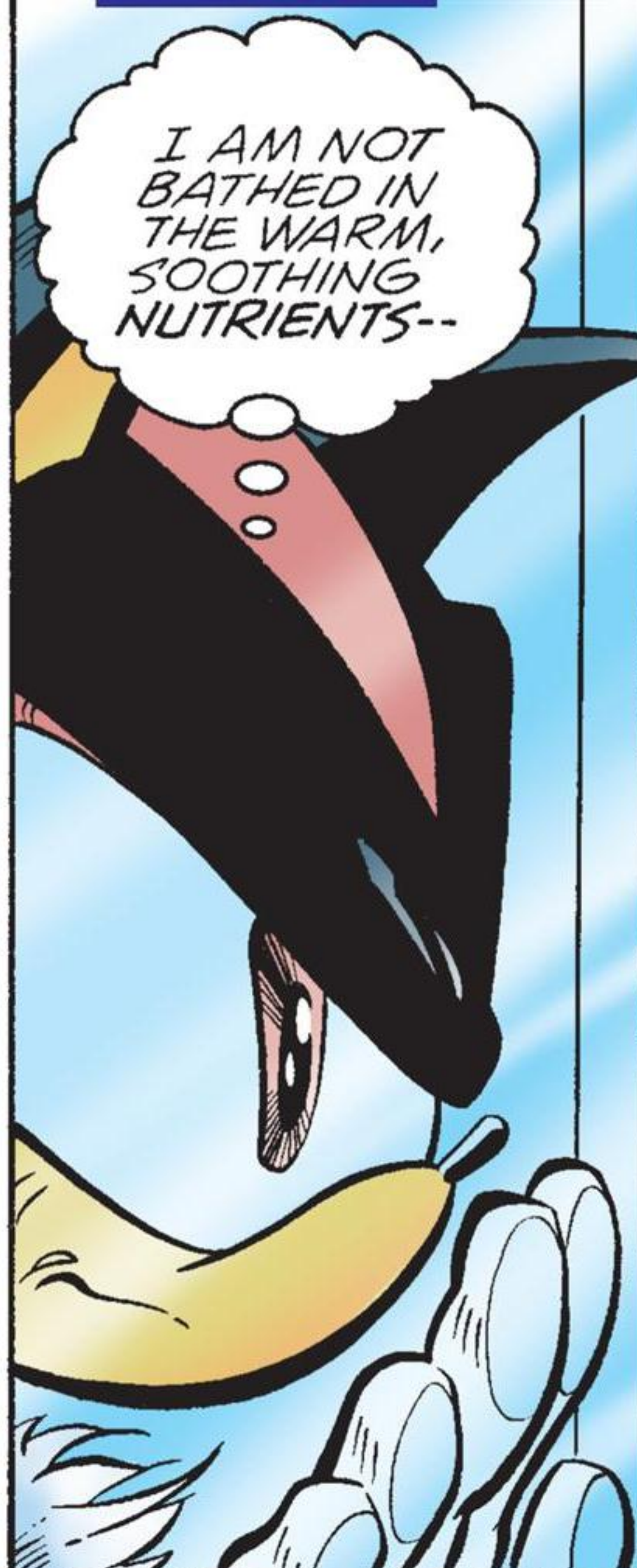
--AND THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD, CHanneled ANY WAY YOU WANT TO SLICE IT...

HURRRNNNN!

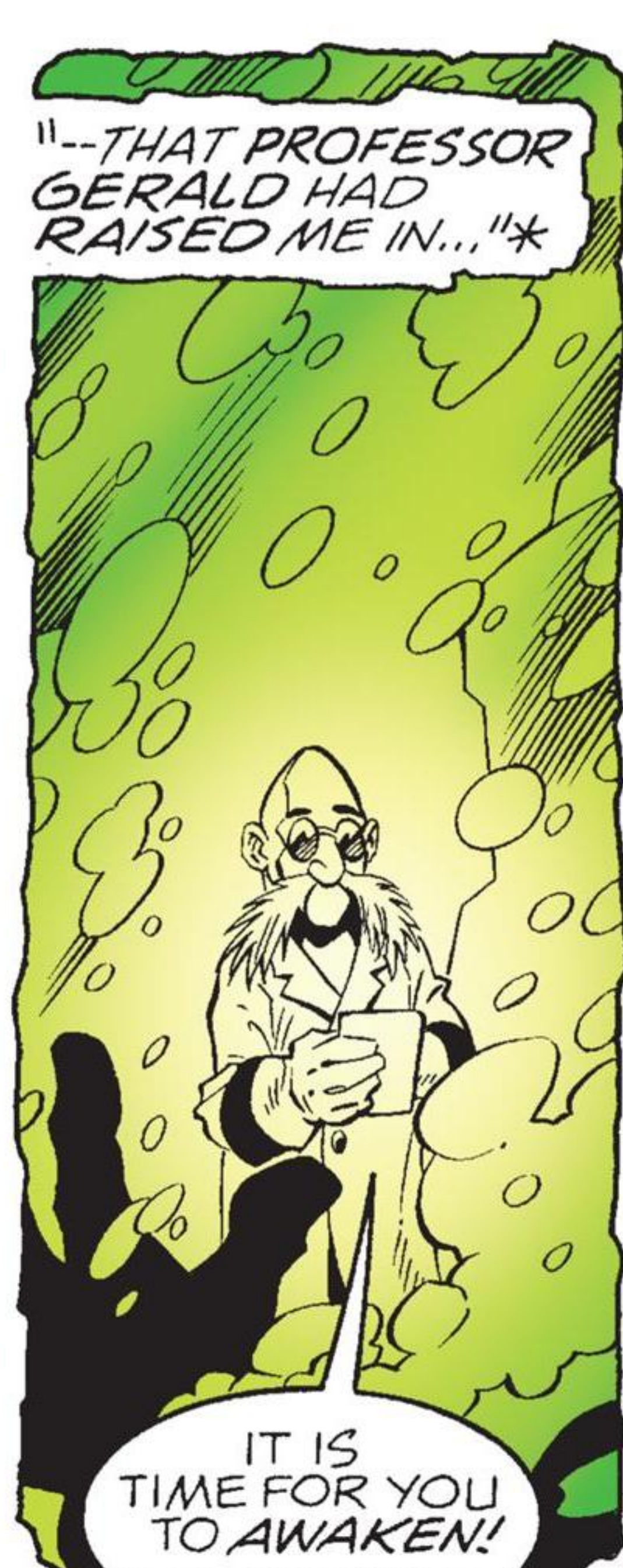


I'M IN A CHAMBER--

BUT
UNLIKE
ANY OTHER
THAT'S HELD
ME BEFORE!



I AM NOT
BATHED IN
THE WARM,
SOOTHING
NUTRIENTS--



"--THAT PROFESSOR
GERALD HAD
RAISED ME IN..."*

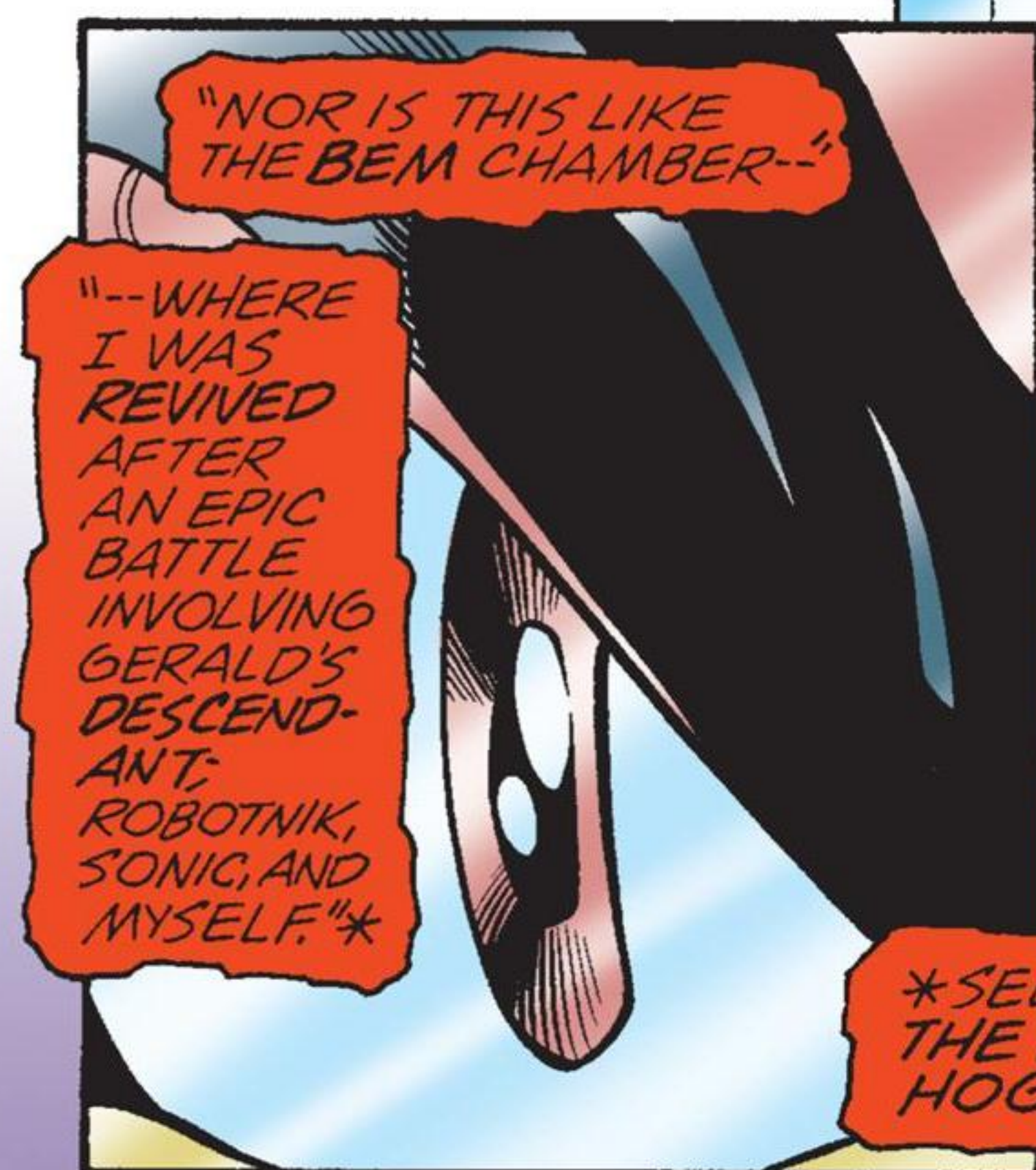
IT IS
TIME FOR YOU
TO AWAKEN!



"THE NEXT THING
I KNOW, I AM
WITNESSING THE
MURDER OF THE
PROFESSOR'S
GRANDDAUGHTER
MARIA..."*

UNGH!

*SEE SONIC
THE HEDGE-
HOG # 98.



"NOR IS THIS LIKE
THE BEM CHAMBER--"

"--WHERE
I WAS
REVIVED
AFTER
AN EPIC
BATTLE
INVOLVING
GERALD'S
DESCEND-
ANT,
ROBOTNIK,
SONIC, AND
MYSELF..."*

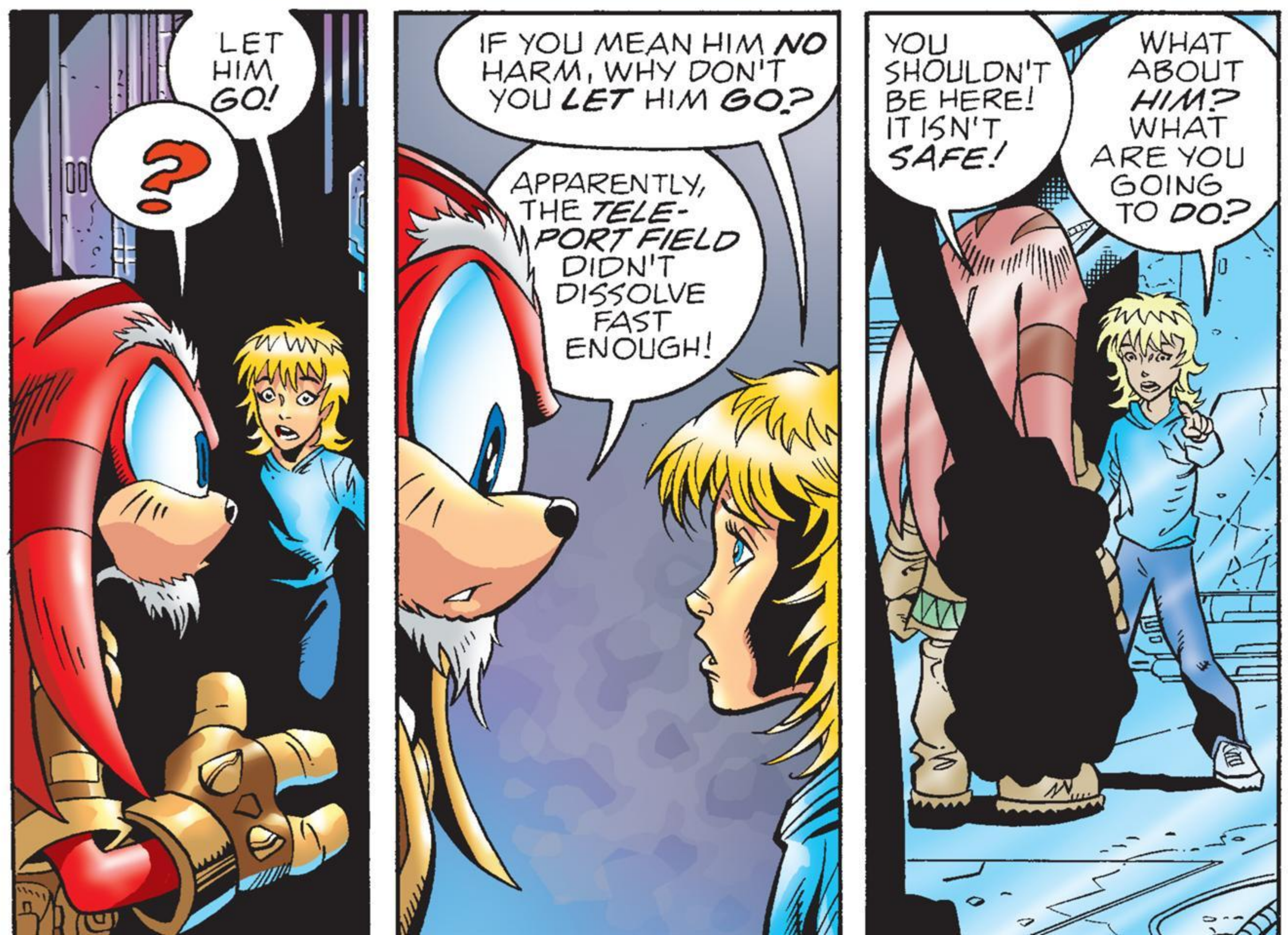
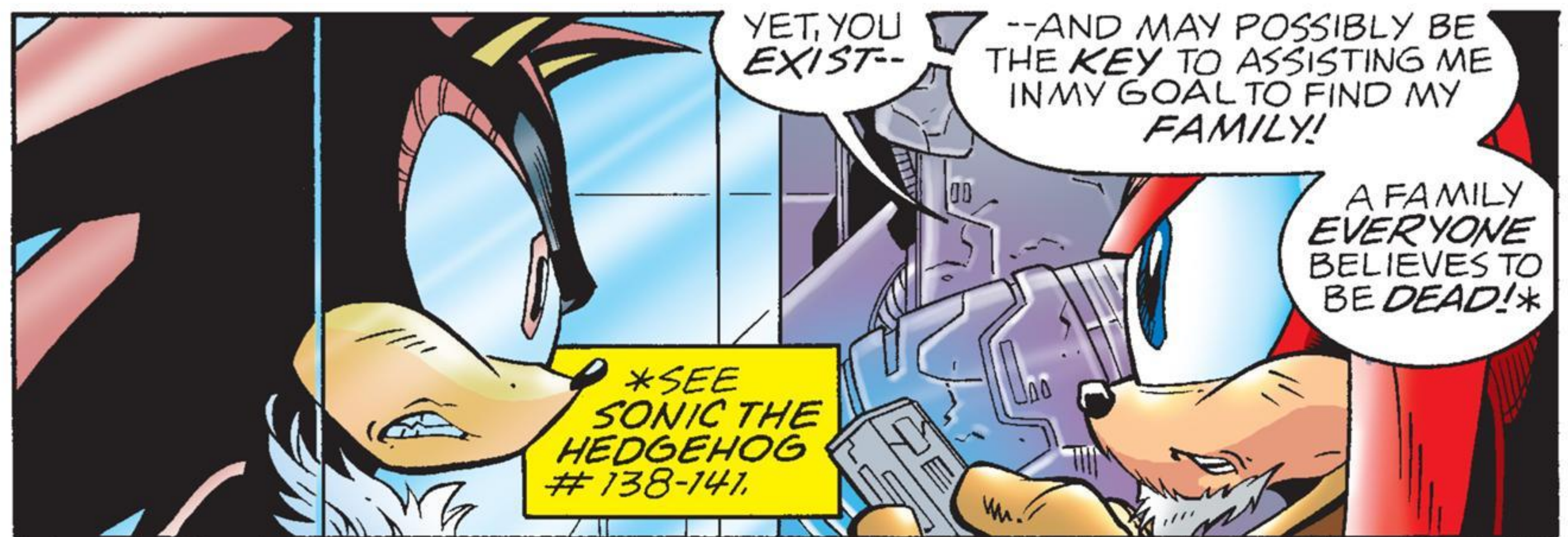
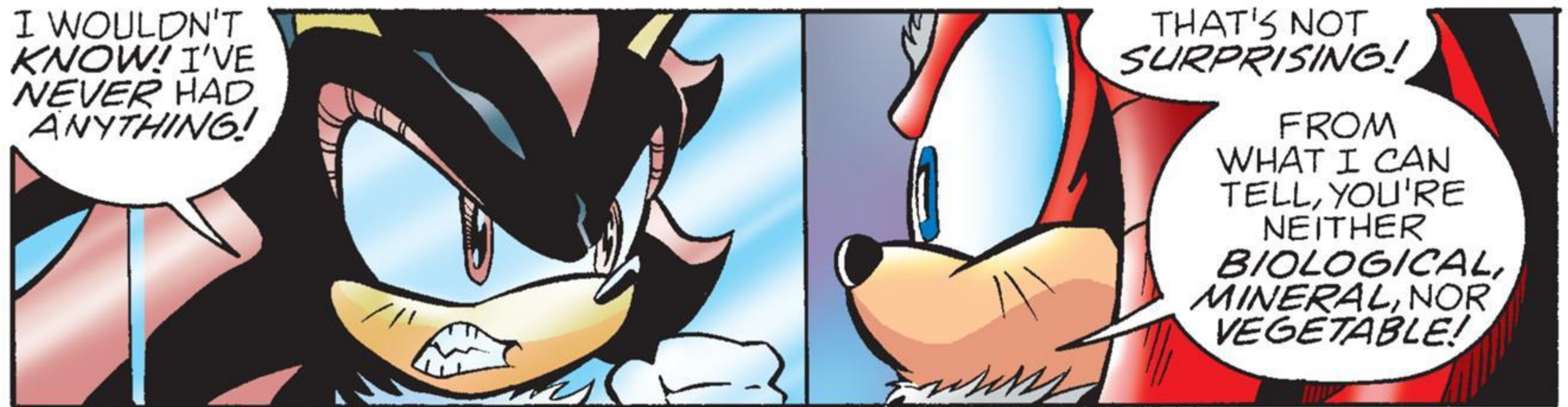
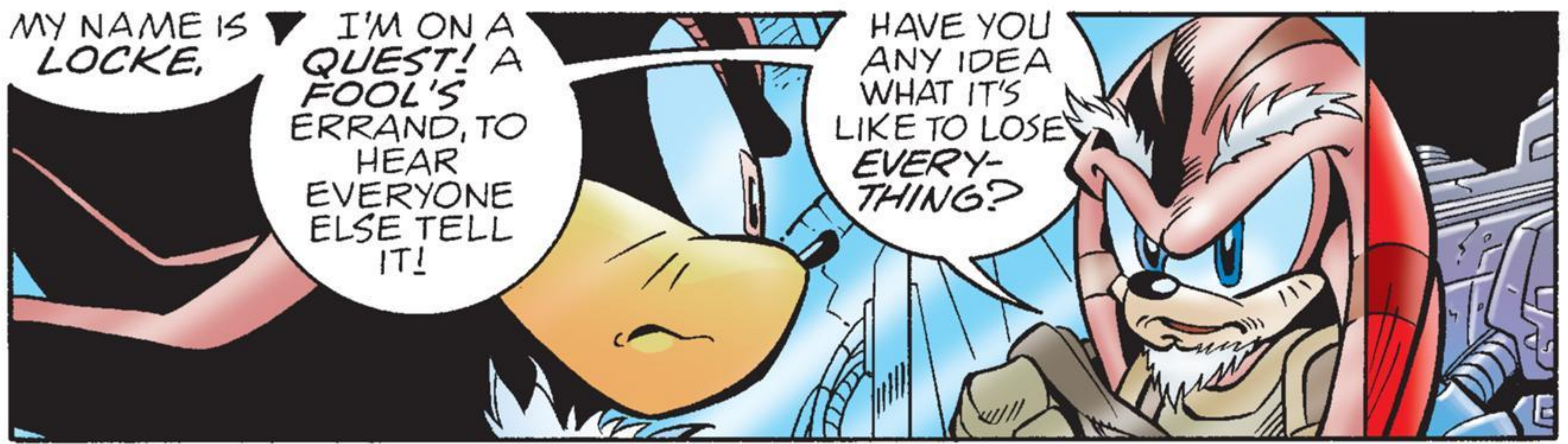
*SEE SONIC
THE HEDGE-
HOG #124.



YOU WHO
HAVE ME FOR
THE MOMENT--

--I DEMAND
YOU STATE YOUR
INTENTIONS!





AS I APPROACHED THE GIRL, IT HADN'T DAWNED ON ME WHAT REACTIONS I WAS PROVOKING WITHIN THE CREATURE--THAT IT WAS ASSOCIATING THE PRESENT WITH WHAT HAPPENED IN ITS PAST--

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND!

--THAT I WAS THE MATCH--

--LIGHTING THE FUSE--

--SETTING OFF THE EXPLOSION!

THUDD!

JUST WHEN MATTERS SEEMED AT THEIR MOST DIRE--



--I INFORM HIM I ALSO WIELD THE POWER CHAOS!

WHILE NOWHERE NEAR THE RANGE MY SON HAS DEMONSTRATED--

--BUT WHAT I WAS CAPABLE OF WAS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT!



AS FOR THE CREATURE --WHETHER IT WAS RAGE OR SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY--



--IT WAS PROVING IT HAD SOMETHING I LACKED--



--KILLER INSTINCT!





DON'T
HURT
HIM!

HE MAY
NOT HAVE
BEEN *NICE*
TO YOU--



--BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN YOU
CAN TREAT HIM
THE *SAME*
WAY!



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
BETTER
THAN THAT!



RIGHT NOW,
I'M *MORE*
SCARED OF
YOU THAN
I AM OF
HIM!



YOU'RE
NOT
MARIA!

NO,
I'M *NOT*!
SORRY!

BUT I
AM A
FRIEND!



YOU'RE
NOT
MARIA--

--I DON'T
NEED ANY
FRIENDS!

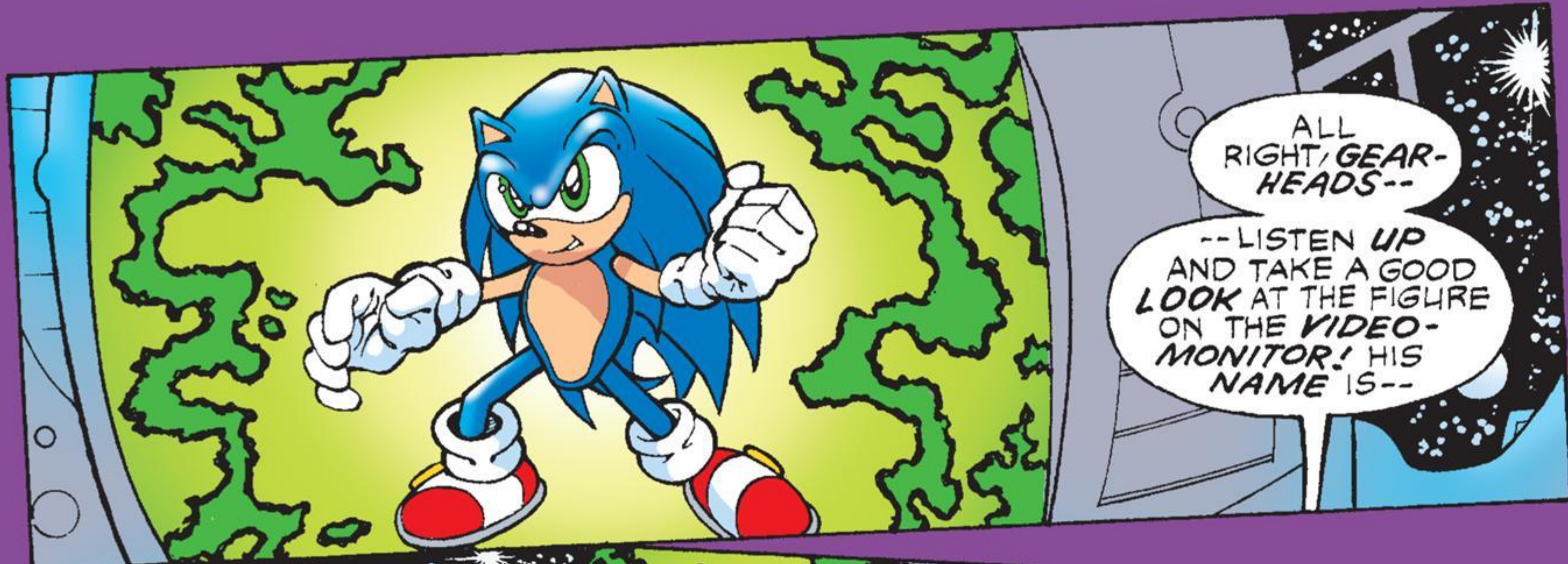


THINGS
DIDN'T GO
SO WELL
TODAY,
HOPE--

--BUT
THERE'S
ALWAYS
TOMORROW!

NOW,
LET'S
GET
YOU
HOME.

THE END
...FOR NOW.



ALL
RIGHT, GEAR-
HEADS--

--LISTEN UP
AND TAKE A GOOD
LOOK AT THE FIGURE
ON THE VIDEO-
MONITOR! HIS
NAME IS--



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

--A NOTORIOUS
TROUBLE-MAKER WHO
SERVES THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN! I DESPISE
HIS BLUE HIDE WITH
EVERY OUNCE OF MY
BEING --

--AND SO
SHOULD
YOU!



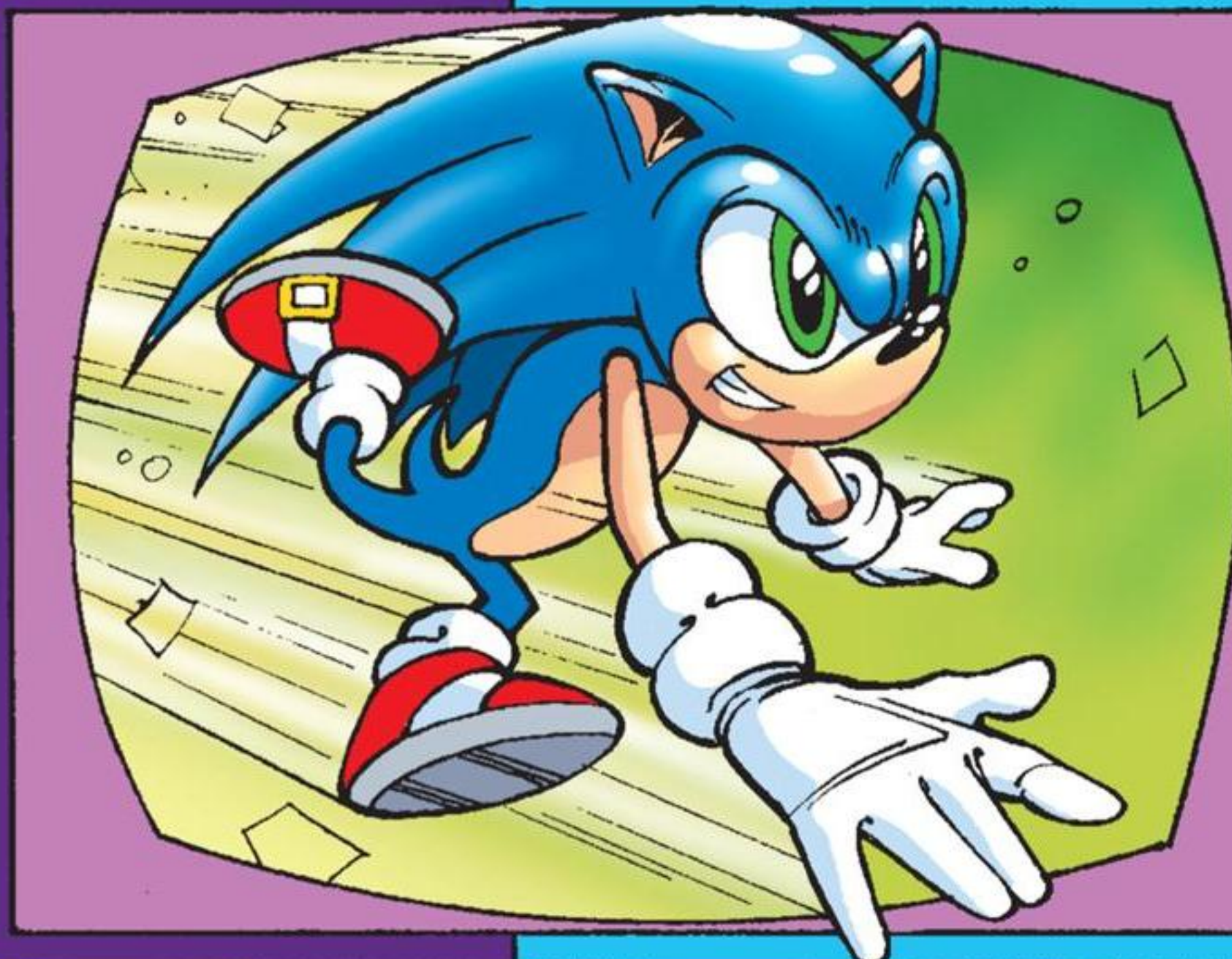
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TRAINING
DAY

KARL
BOLLERS-
STORY

AL BIGLEY-PENCILS

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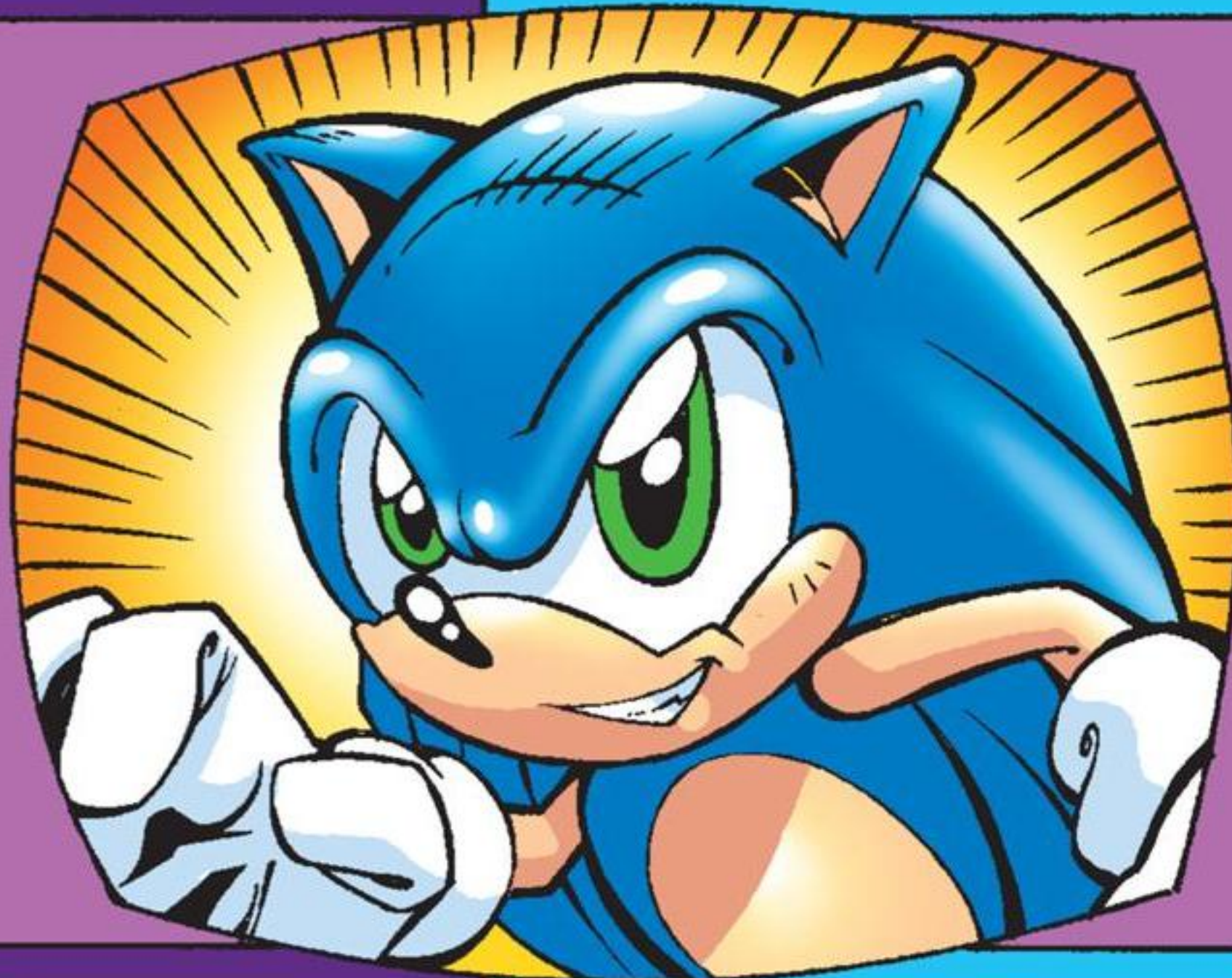
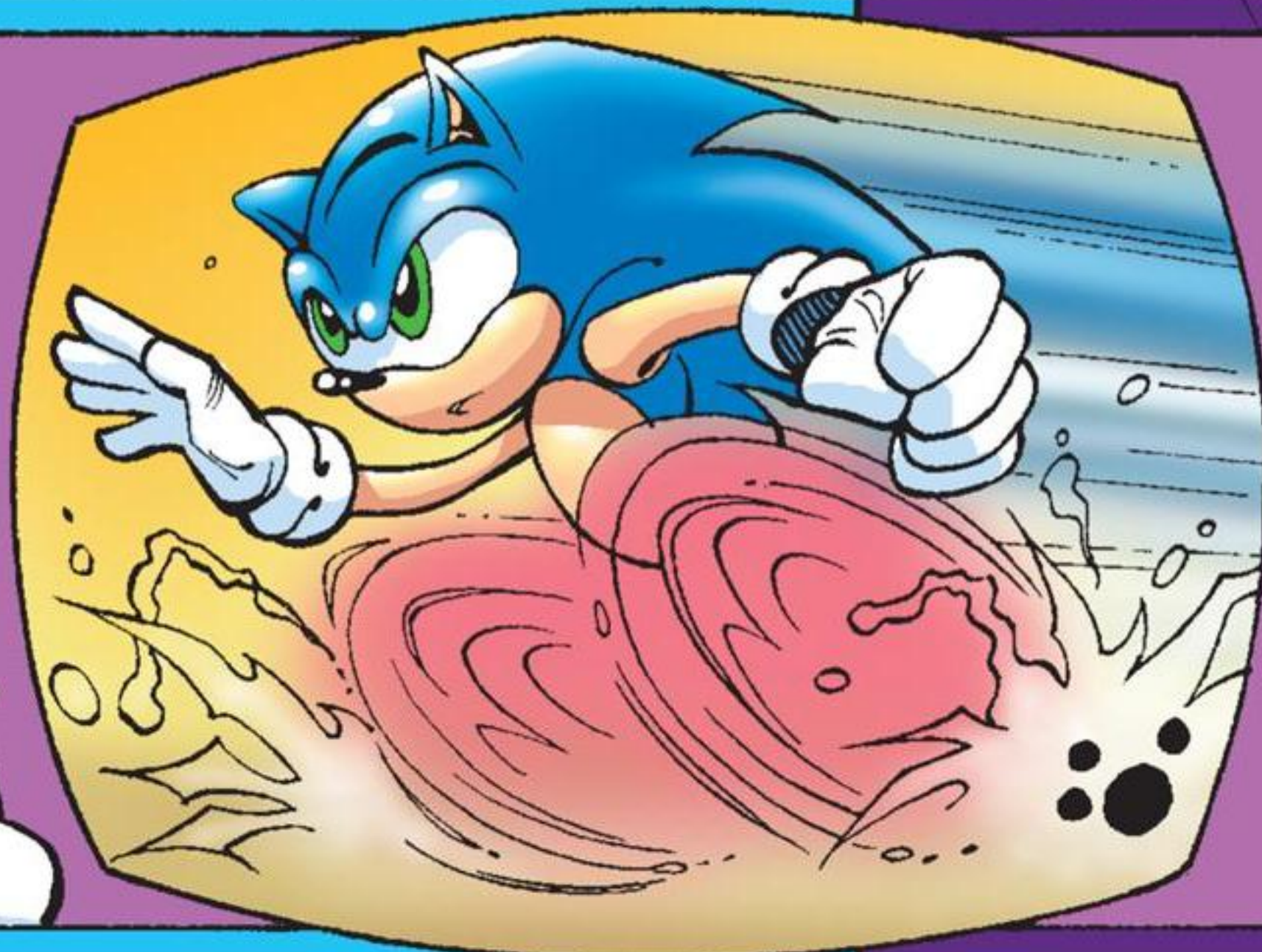
JASON JENSEN-COLORS



MAKE NO *MISTAKE* —
WHETHER HE'S USING HIS SUPER
SPEED TO PERFORM A FIGURE
EIGHT *MOVE*, WHIRLWIND
ATTACK--



--OR THE EVER-CLASSIC SPIN
DASH, *DON'T* LET THE FANCY
FOOTWORK FOOL YOU--



--*THIS* ROTTEN APPLE DESIRES
NOTHING *MORE* THAN THE FALL
OF MY *EGGMAN EMPIRE*--

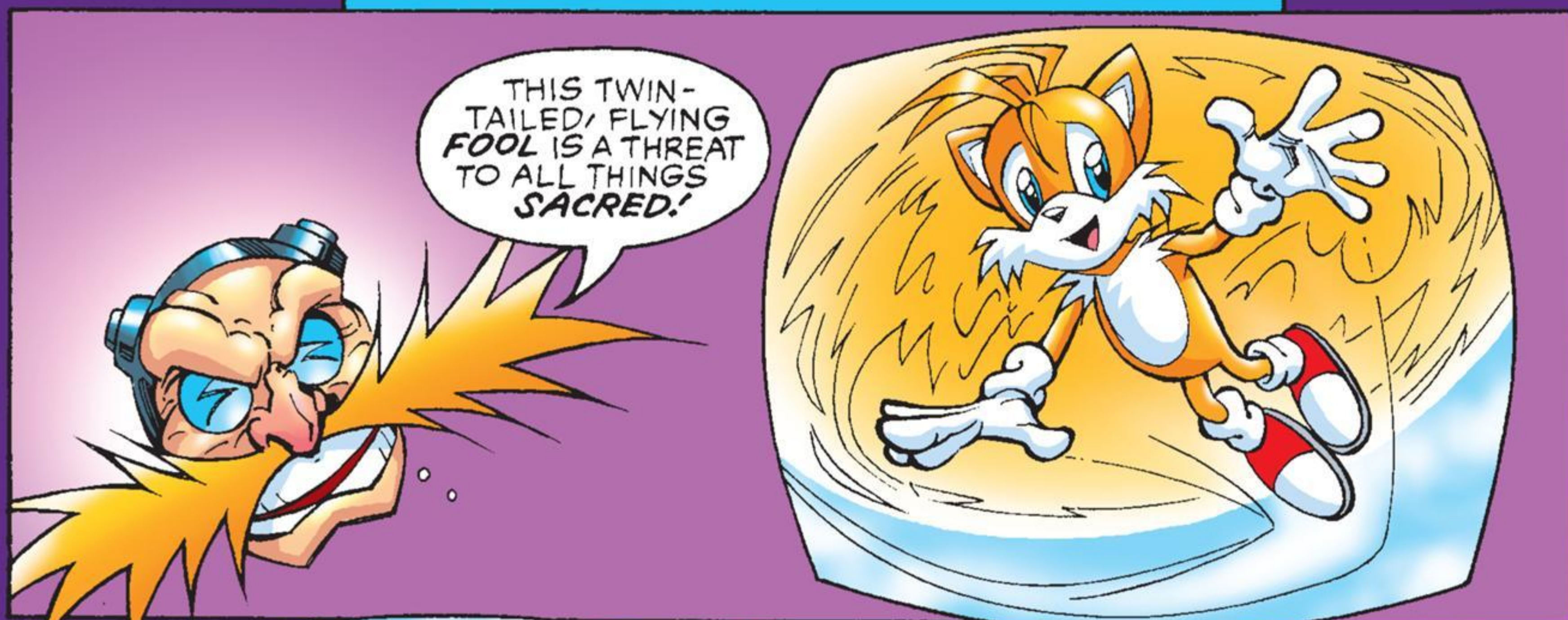
--AND WON'T
STOP *UNTIL* WE
STOP HIM...
PERMANENTLY!



NEXT UP IS HIS
ABLE *ACCOMPLICE*,
MILES PROWER,
A. K. A.--

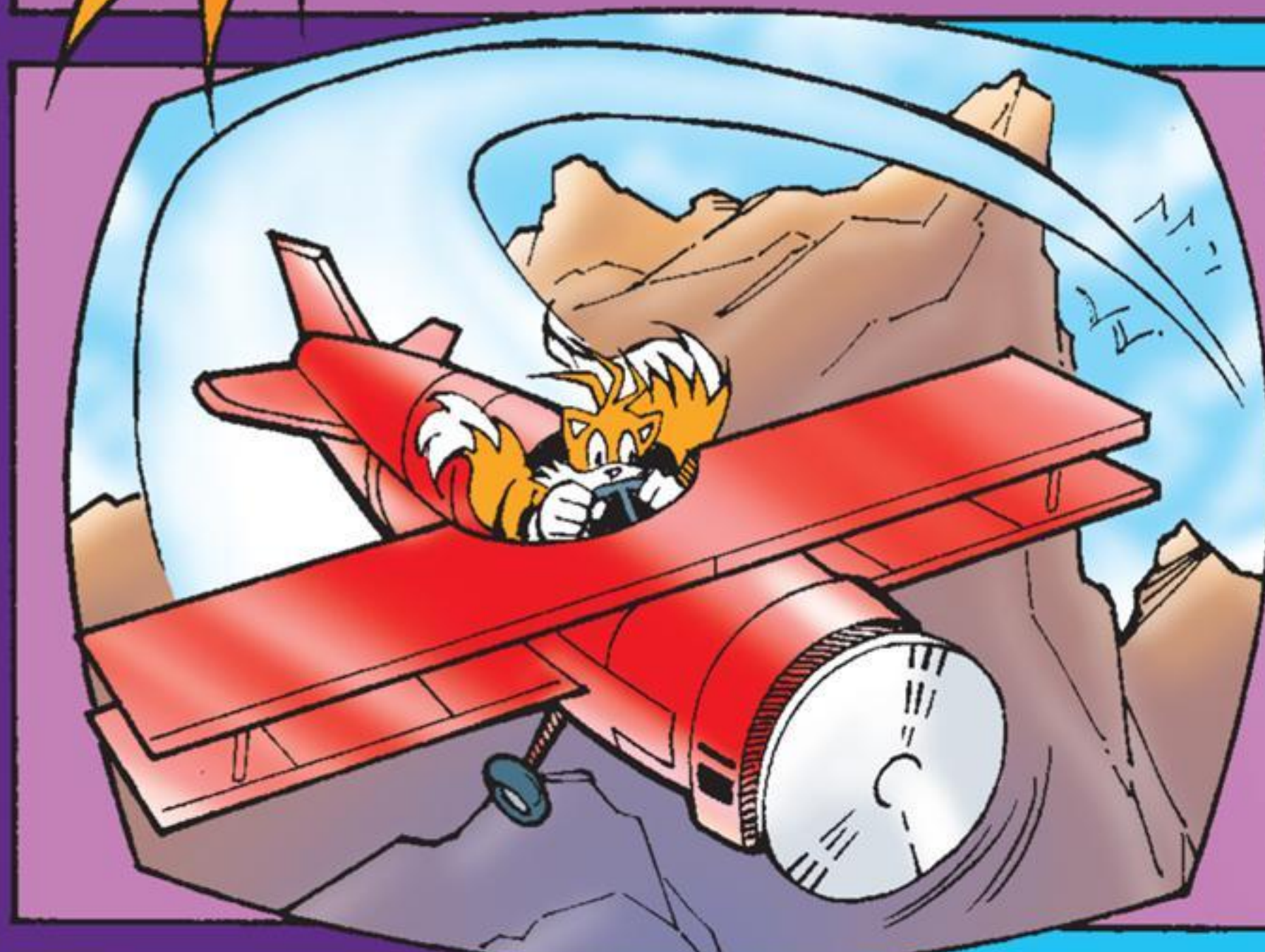
TAILS





THIS TWIN-TAILED, FLYING FOOL IS A THREAT TO ALL THINGS SACRED!

WHEN INSIDE THE COCKPIT OF HIS AERIAL FIGHTING-MACHINE, 'THE TORNADO', THIS FEARSOME FOX IS THE SCOURGE OF THE SKIES--

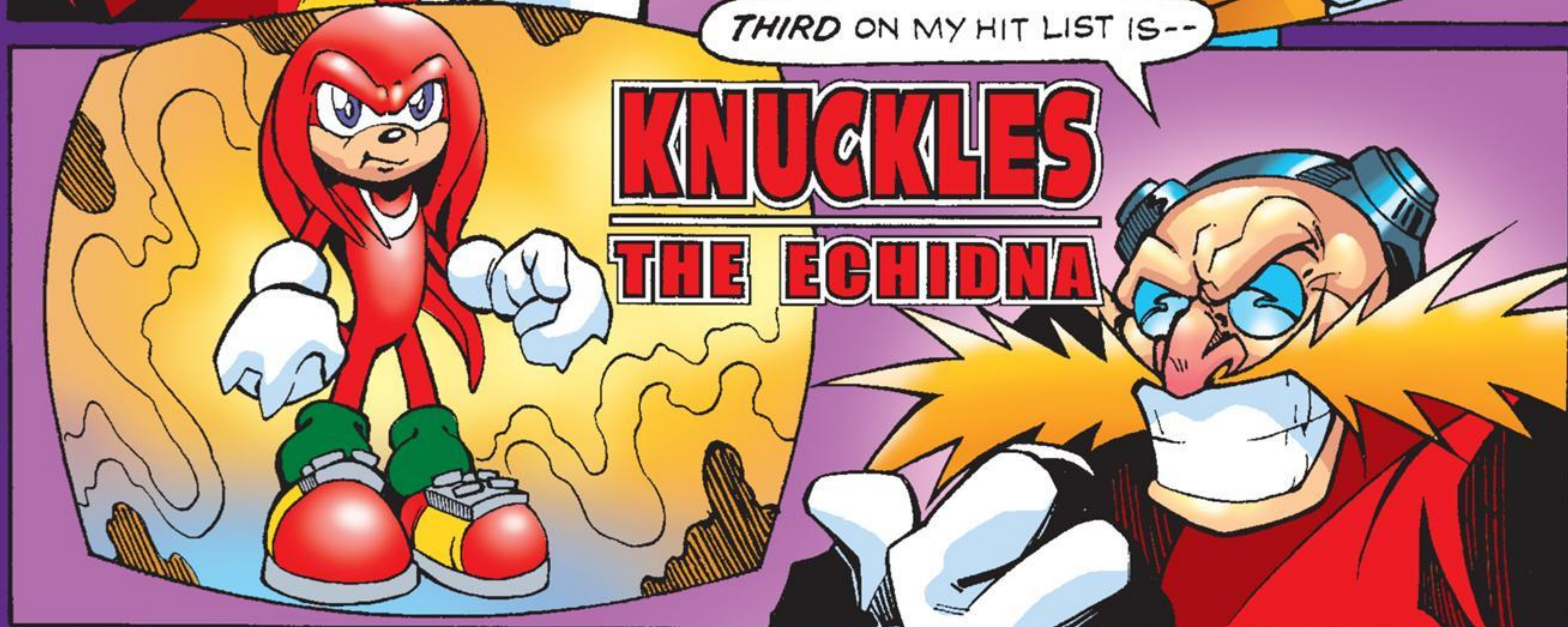


--AND THE ONLY THING THAT SICKENS ME MORE THAN HIS PRODIGY-LIKE SKILL WITH MACHINERY OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES--

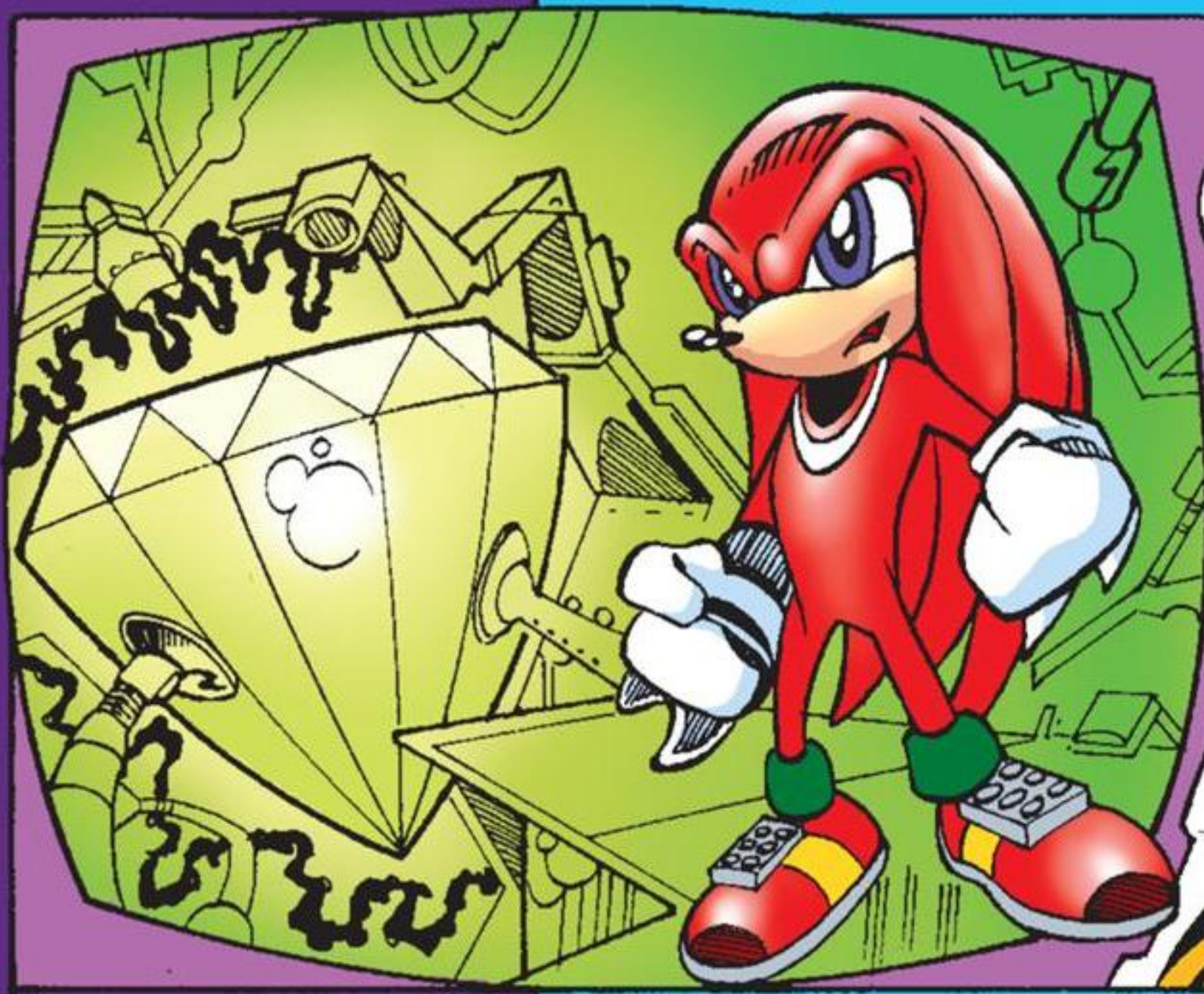
--IS HIS NAUSEA-INDUCING FRIENDSHIP WITH THAT MALEVOLENT HEDGEHOG!



THIRD ON MY HIT LIST IS--



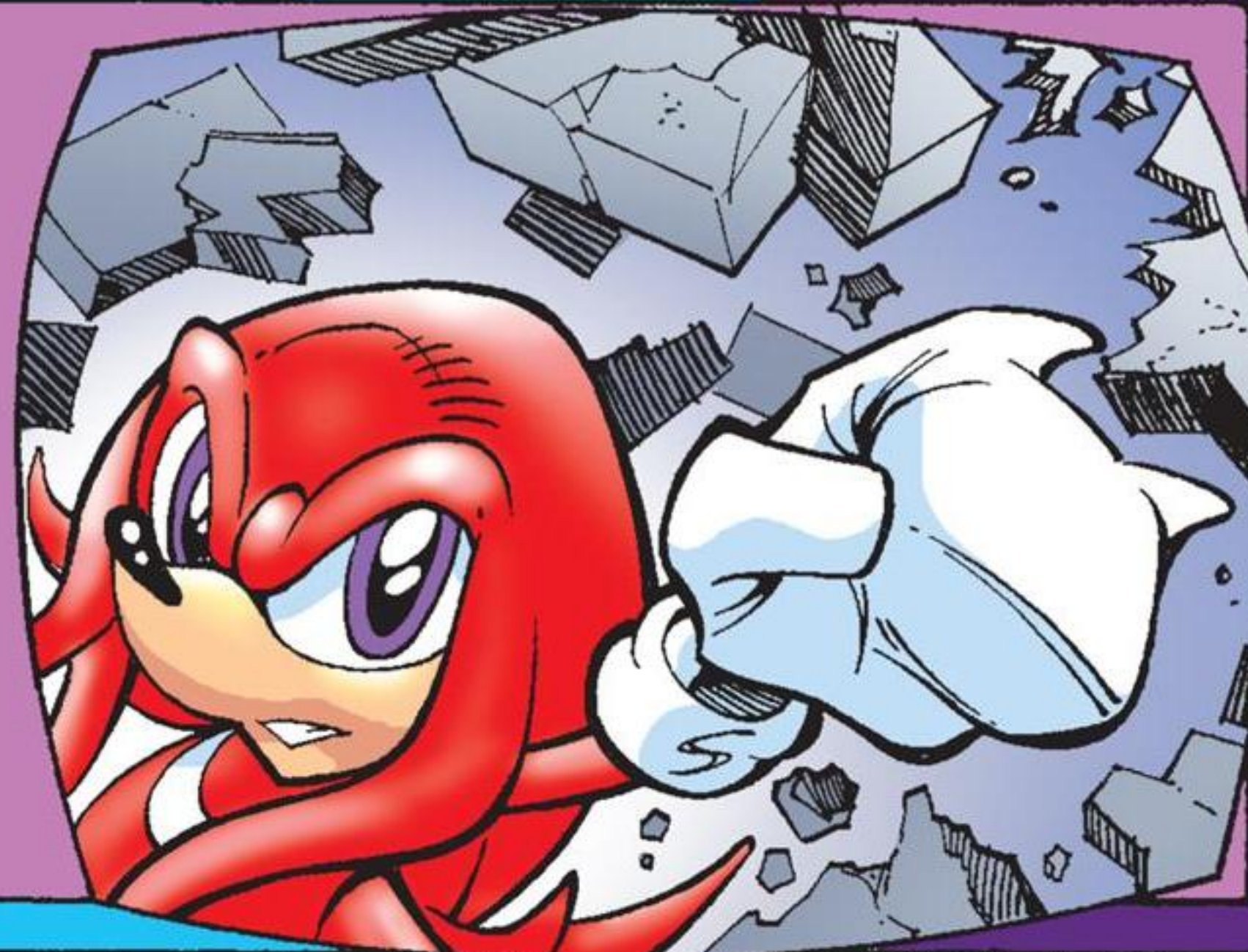
KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA



THIS FORMER
GUARDIAN OF THE
POWERFUL **MASTER**
EMERALD--



--IN ADDITION TO **GLIDING**, USES HIS
ENHANCED **STRENGTH** TO PUNCH,
DIG, AND CLIMB THROUGH **ANY**
AND ALL OBSTACLES!



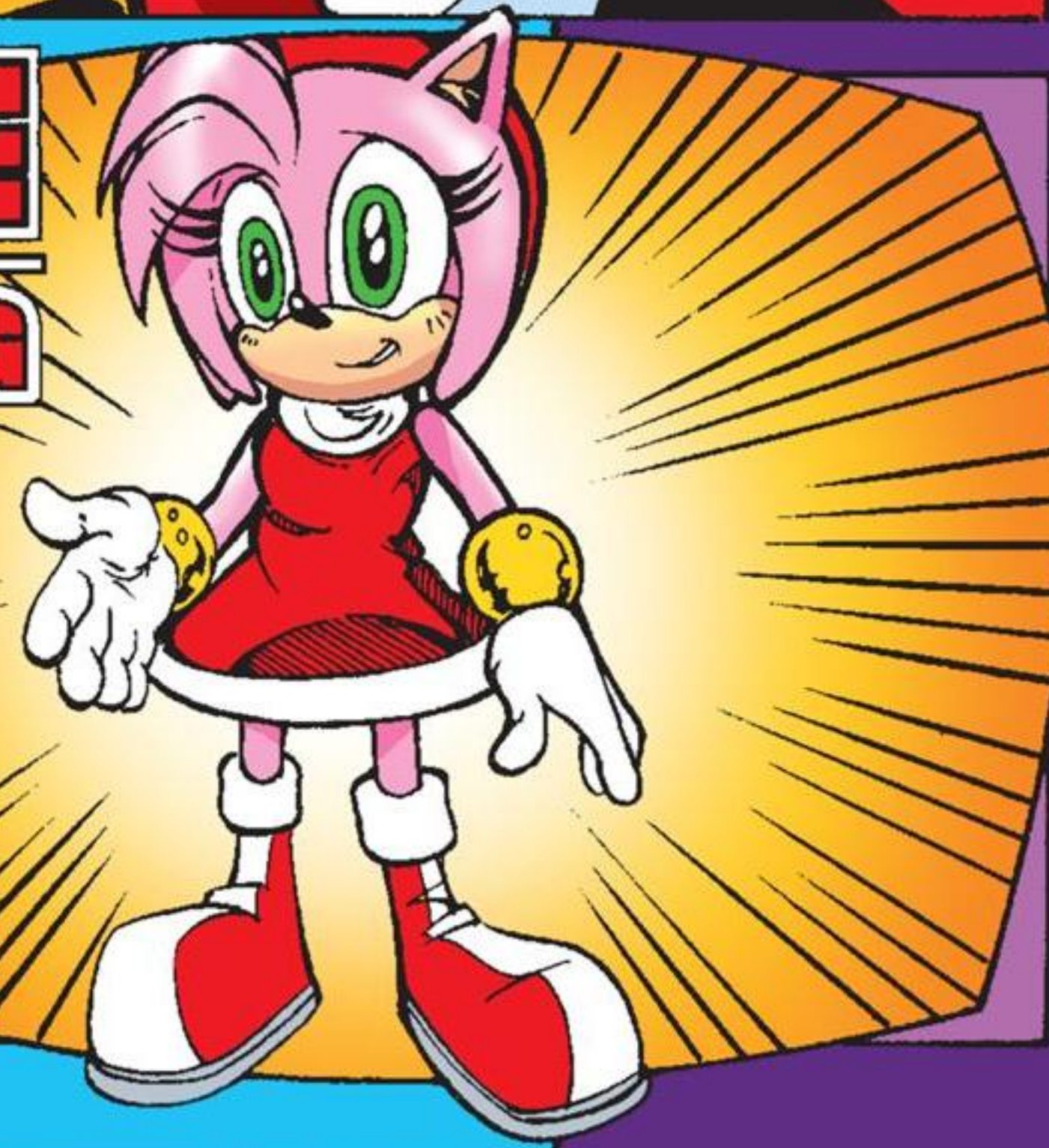
I'D **STICK** TO STRICTLY LONG-RANGE
ATTACKS IF I WERE YOU!

ALTHOUGH HE'S
CURRENTLY **AWAY** FROM
HIS HOME ON **ANGEL**
ISLAND SERVING WITH
THE KINGDOM OF **ACORN**,
KNUCKLES IS A
LEVEL-A **THREAT**!



LAST, BUT **CERTAINLY**
NOT THE LEAST GOOD-
LOOKING OF THE **BUNCH**,
IS A RIDDLE WRAPPED
IN A **RED** DRESS--

AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG





SHE'S A **CRAFTY** ONE, I SAY! DON'T LET HER LOVE OF **SHOPPING MALLS** --

-- OR HER SCHOOLGIRL **INFATUATION** WITH SONIC AFFECT YOUR **JUDGEMENT**? SHE'S EVERY BIT THE **MENACE** THAT HE IS--



-- PLUS HER **TAROT CARD** DECK AND MYSTICAL **PICO PICO** HAMMER MAKE HER A **ROSE** WITH VERY DANGEROUS **THORNS**!

THESE VILE **VERMIN** ARE YOUR WORST **ENEMIES** AND ARE TO BE **TERMINATED** ON **SIGHT**! DO I MAKE MYSELF **CLEAR**?

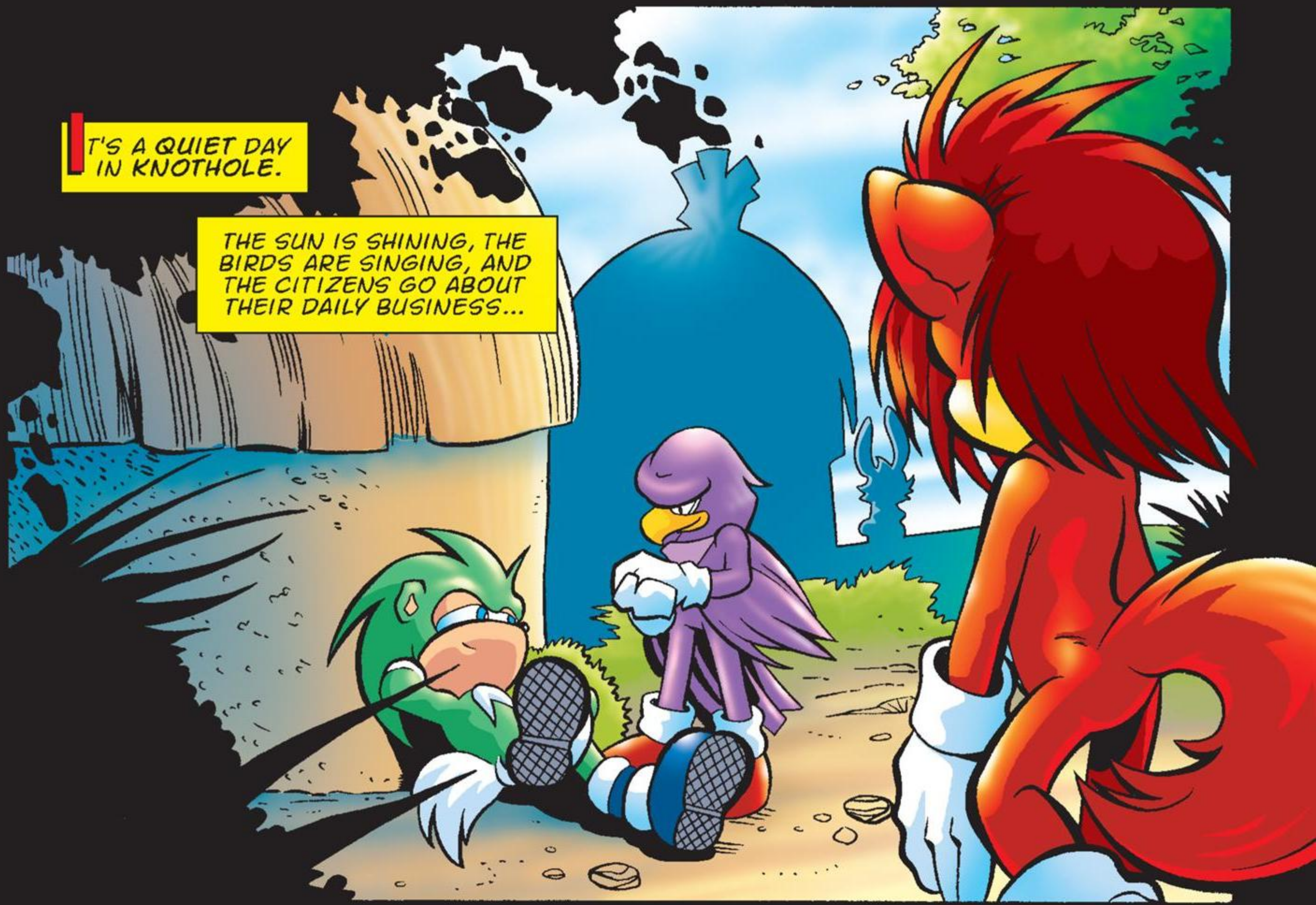


YES-DOCTOR-ROBOTNIK...

END

IT'S A QUIET DAY
IN KNOTHOLE.

THE SUN IS SHINING, THE
BIRDS ARE SINGING, AND
THE CITIZENS GO ABOUT
THEIR DAILY BUSINESS...



THAT INCLUDES MILES
"TAILS" PROWER, WHO
CHOOSES JUST TO KICK
BACK AND RELAX WITH A
BOOK OR TWO THIS FINE
AFTERNOON...

NOT THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER
IS EVERYONE'S CUP OF TEA, BUT
YOUNG PROWER IS TOTALLY
ENGROSSED WITH HIS SELECTION--

--LITTLE SUSPECTING
HOW PRESCIENT IT IS,
AS ELSEWHERE SEVERAL
HUNDRED MILES AWAY
OUT WEST, A MASSIVE
EXPLOSION ROCKS THE
DESOLATE LANDSCAPE...



AS THE SHOCKWAVES
REVERBERATE AND THE DUST
ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE, BACK
IN KNOTHOLE WE FIND

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

ENGAGING IN A FRIENDLY
GAME OF DARTS WITH
SEVERAL FRIENDS...

BET YA
CAN'T EVEN
HIT THE
BOARD!

ASH!
IT'S
ALL IN
FUN!

RIGHT ON
MINA, BUT ASH
DOES HAVE A
POINT!

JUST BECAUSE
SUGAH-HOG IS FAST
DOESN'T MEAN HE'S
ACCURATE!

In answer to
a zillion reader
requests--
WRITER
KEN PENDERS
ARTIST
DAWN BEST

HARBINGER

INKER
JIM AMASH
LETTERER
JEFF POWELL
COLORIST
JASON JENSEN



AND IF YOU
DOUBT--
--JUST
WATCH!



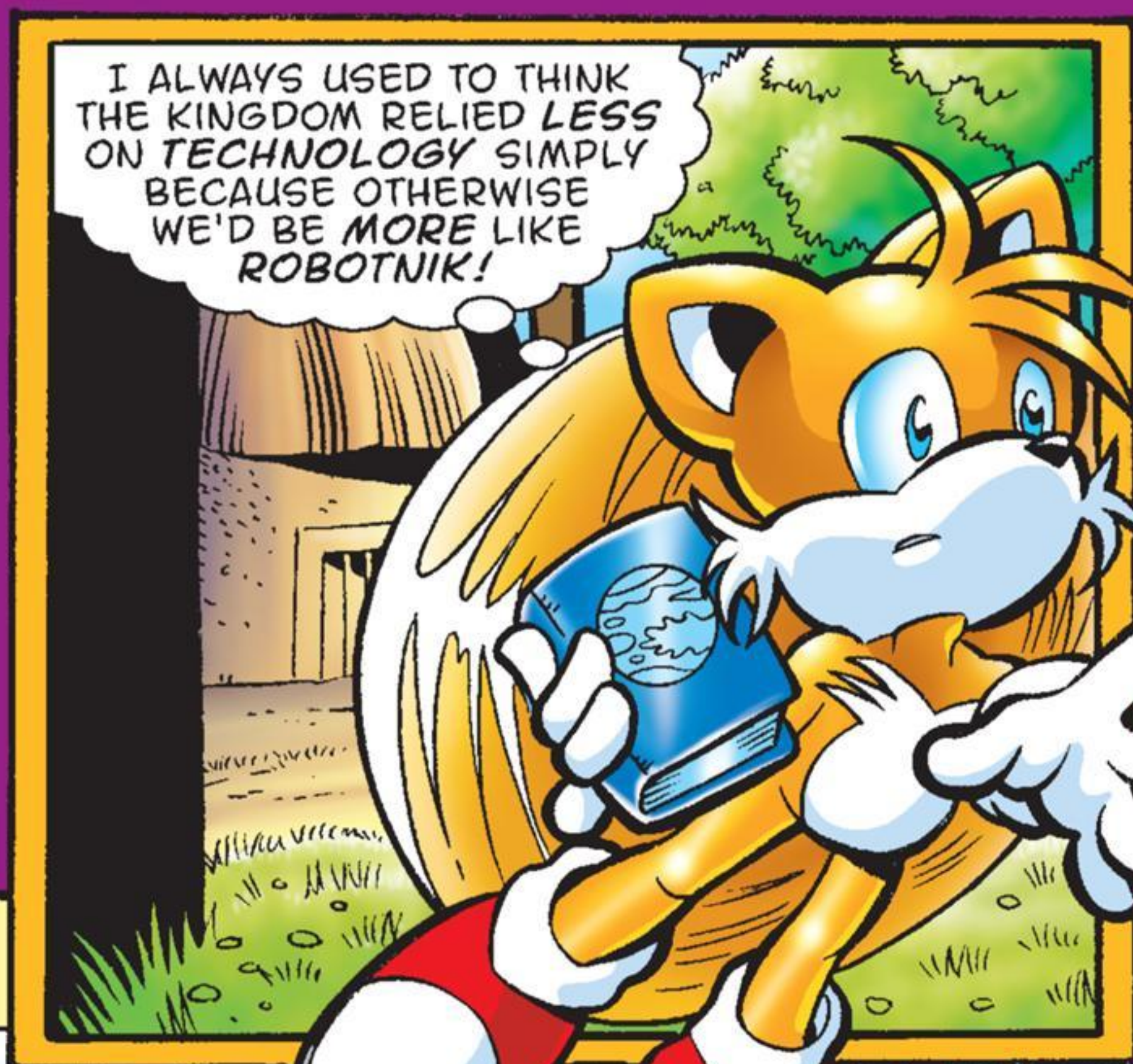




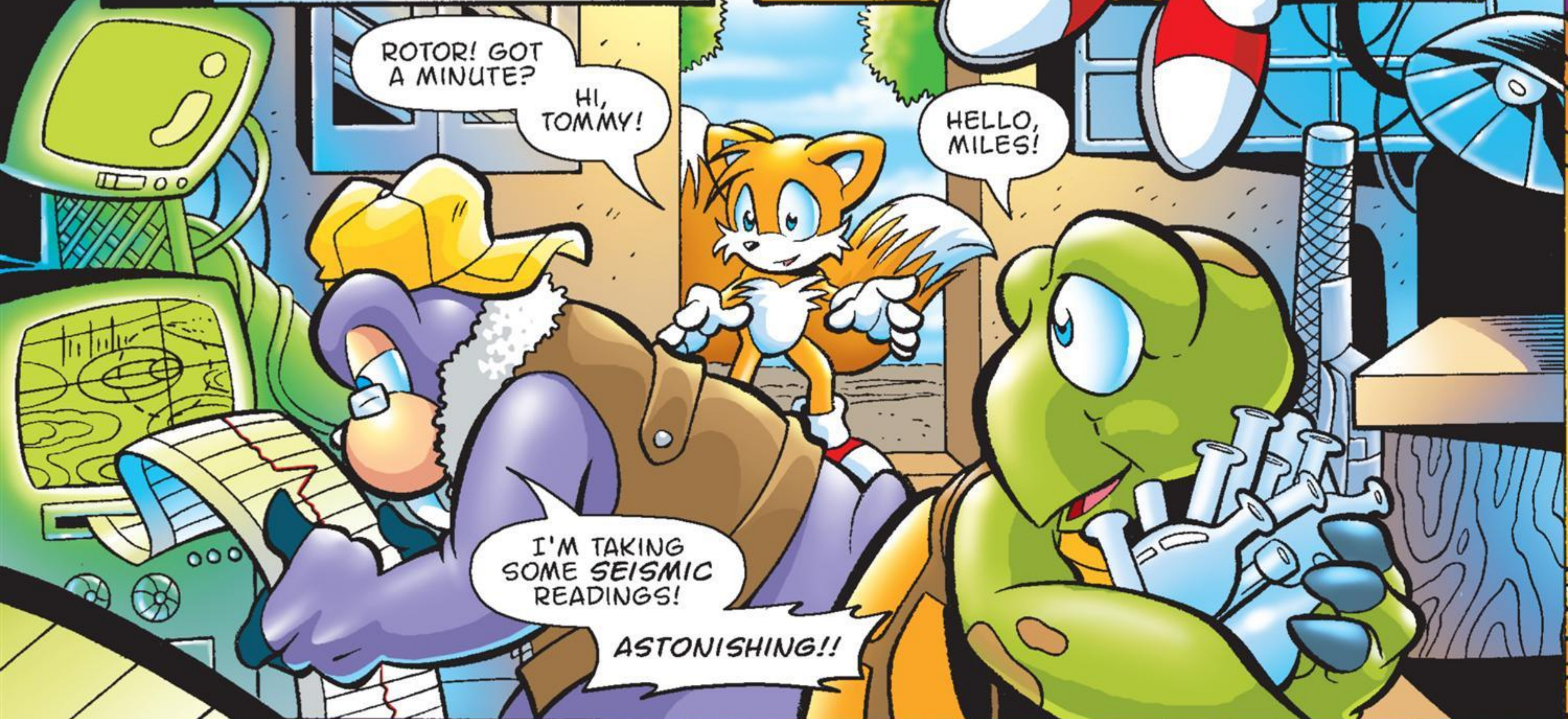
SIZZLING
SWATBOTS!!

WHO'DA
THOUGHT?

COULD
IT BE
TRUE?



I ALWAYS USED TO THINK
THE KINGDOM RELIED LESS
ON TECHNOLOGY SIMPLY
BECAUSE OTHERWISE
WE'D BE MORE LIKE
ROBOTNIK!



ROTOR! GOT
A MINUTE?

HI,
TOMMY!

HELLO,
MILES!

I'M TAKING
SOME SEISMIC
READINGS!

ASTONISHING!!



"A SINGLE SEISMIC EVENT
WITH A HIGH SPIKE AND ZERO
AFTERSHOCKS OUT IN THE
MIDDLE OF ESSENTIALLY
NOWHERE!"

SO
WHAT DOES IT
MEAN?

SOMEBODY--
OR SOME THING--
A FORCE OF SOME
KIND--EXERTED
ENOUGH ENERGY AT
ONE POINT TO DO
SERIOUS DAMAGE
TO KNOTHOLE!

SO YOU
THINK IT'S A
THREAT?



WE
NEED TO FIND
OUT--



WE COULD CHECK IT
OUT IN MY BIPLANE
TORNADO!

IT LACKS
THE CAPACITY TO
HANDLE THE
PERSONNEL
AND EQUIPMENT
WE MIGHT
NEED!



YOU ANTICIPATE
TROUBLE?

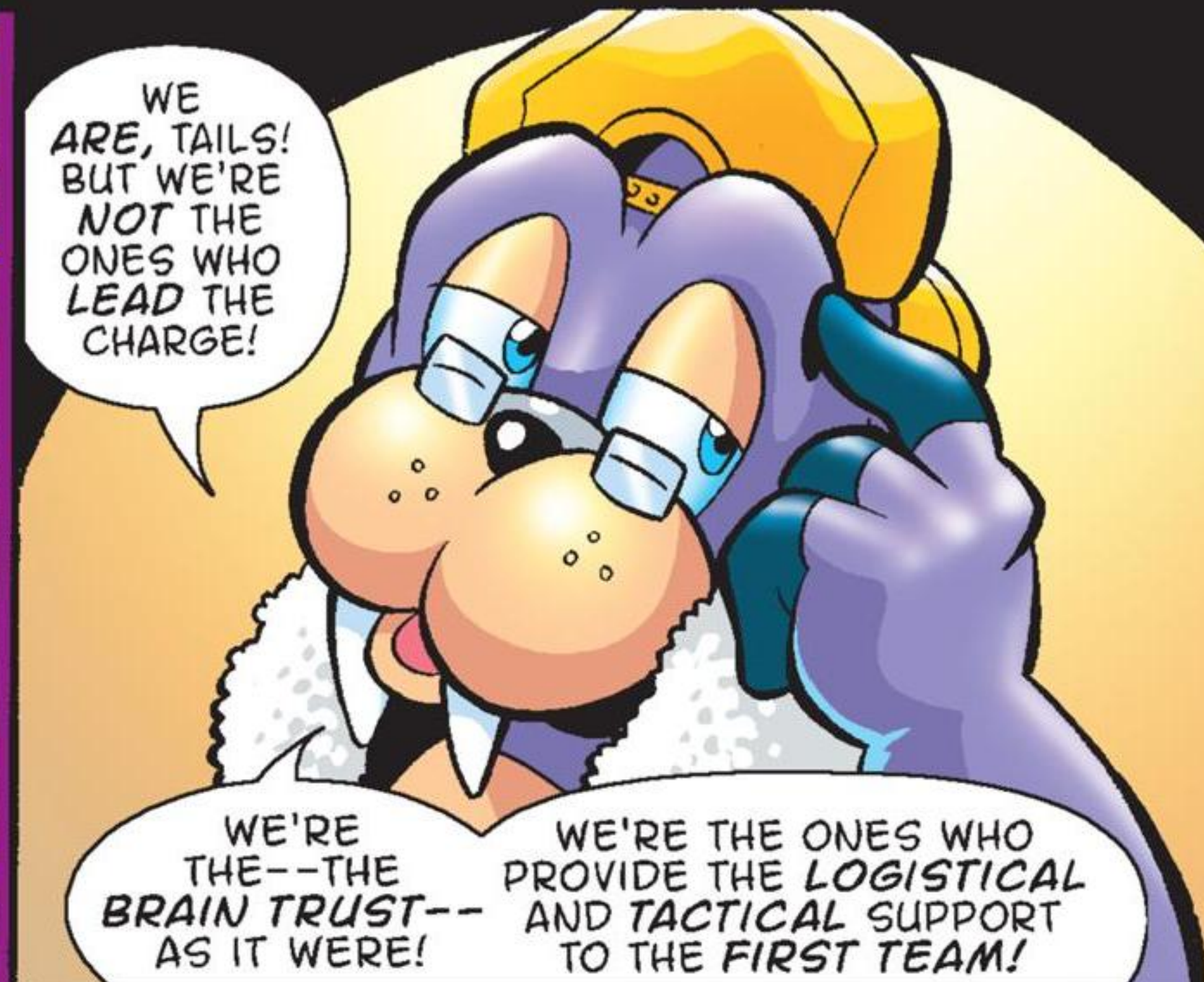
NO, TOMMY,
JUST BEING
PRAGMATIC!

IF THERE IS
AN ENEMY OUT
THERE, WE'LL NEED
AT LEAST SONIC
AND BUNNIE
WITH US!



WHAT
ARE WE?
CHOPPED
LIVER?!

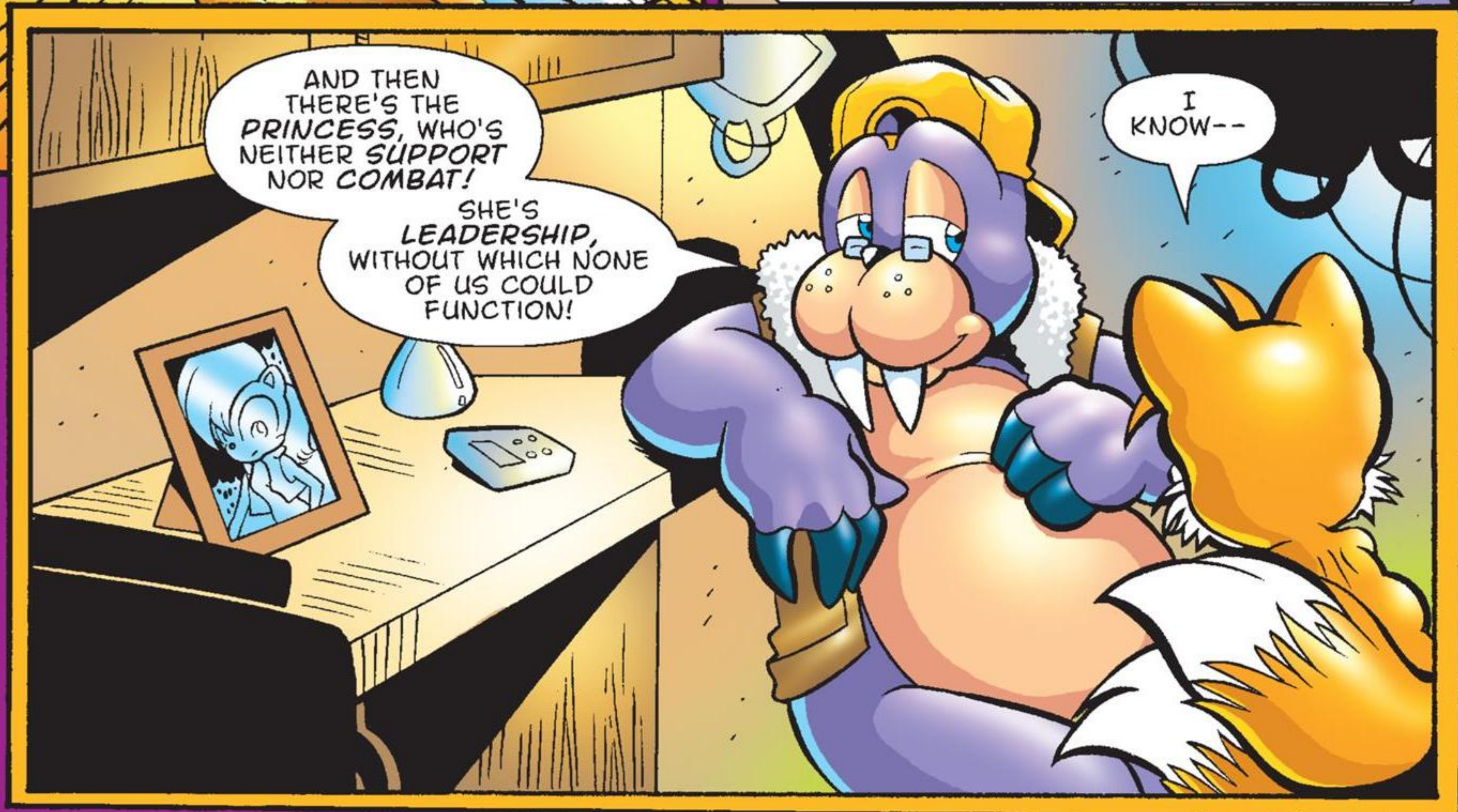
I THOUGHT
WE'RE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!



WE
ARE, TAILS!
BUT WE'RE
NOT THE
ONES WHO
LEAD THE
CHARGE!

WE'RE
THE--THE
BRAIN TRUST--
AS IT WERE!

WE'RE THE ONES WHO
PROVIDE THE LOGISTICAL
AND TACTICAL SUPPORT
TO THE FIRST TEAM!



AND THEN
THERE'S THE
PRINCESS, WHO'S
NEITHER SUPPORT
NOR COMBAT!

SHE'S
LEADERSHIP,
WITHOUT WHICH NONE
OF US COULD
FUNCTION!

I
KNOW--

"THIS ISN'T A MATTER OF HEROICS OR SELF-INTEREST, BUT WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD..."

I STILL THINK WE COULDA HANDLED THIS OURSELVES--



I'M SO WORKED UP OVER ROTOR--

--THAT I JUST REALIZED I DON'T KNOW WHERE SONIC IS!

ASH!
WAIT! DON'T GO!



HE'S SO OBNOXIOUS, MINA!

YOU WERE BOTH EGGING EACH OTHER ON!

CORRECTION--
I DO NOW!



EVERYONE'S HERE!

WONDER WHY NO ONE INVITED ME?

EIGHT BAH!
IN THE CORNER POCKET!



TAILS!
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

I KNOCKED ON YOUR DOOR EARLIER AND NOBODY ANSWERED!

WAS I THAT INTO MY BOOK?



UHH...
ERR... GOT ANY PLANS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS?





LET'S SEE...

SUN BLOCK
NUMBER FIVE--
CHECK!

NUTRIENT
TABLETS--
CHECK!

BOTTLED
WATER --
CHECK!

UH-OH!



NOW
WHERE
DID I PUT
IT?



A-HA!
THERE IT IS! MY
A-POD!

DEFINITELY
CAN'T LEAVE
HOME WITHOUT
MY TUNES!



"THAT ABOUT DOES IT!
TIME TO BEAT FEET TO
THE HANGAR WHERE THE
GANG IS MEETING..."



HEY,
GUYS!

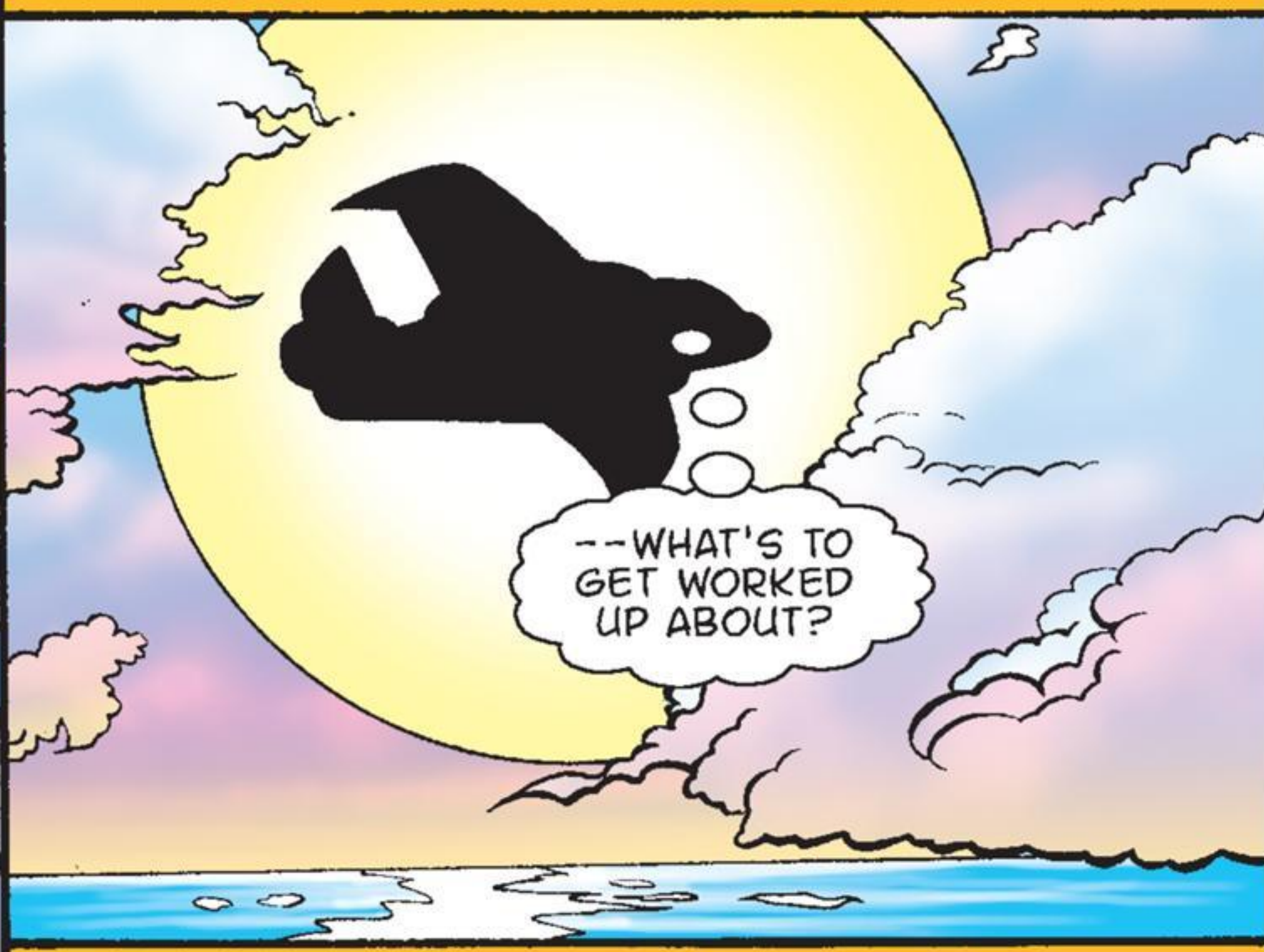
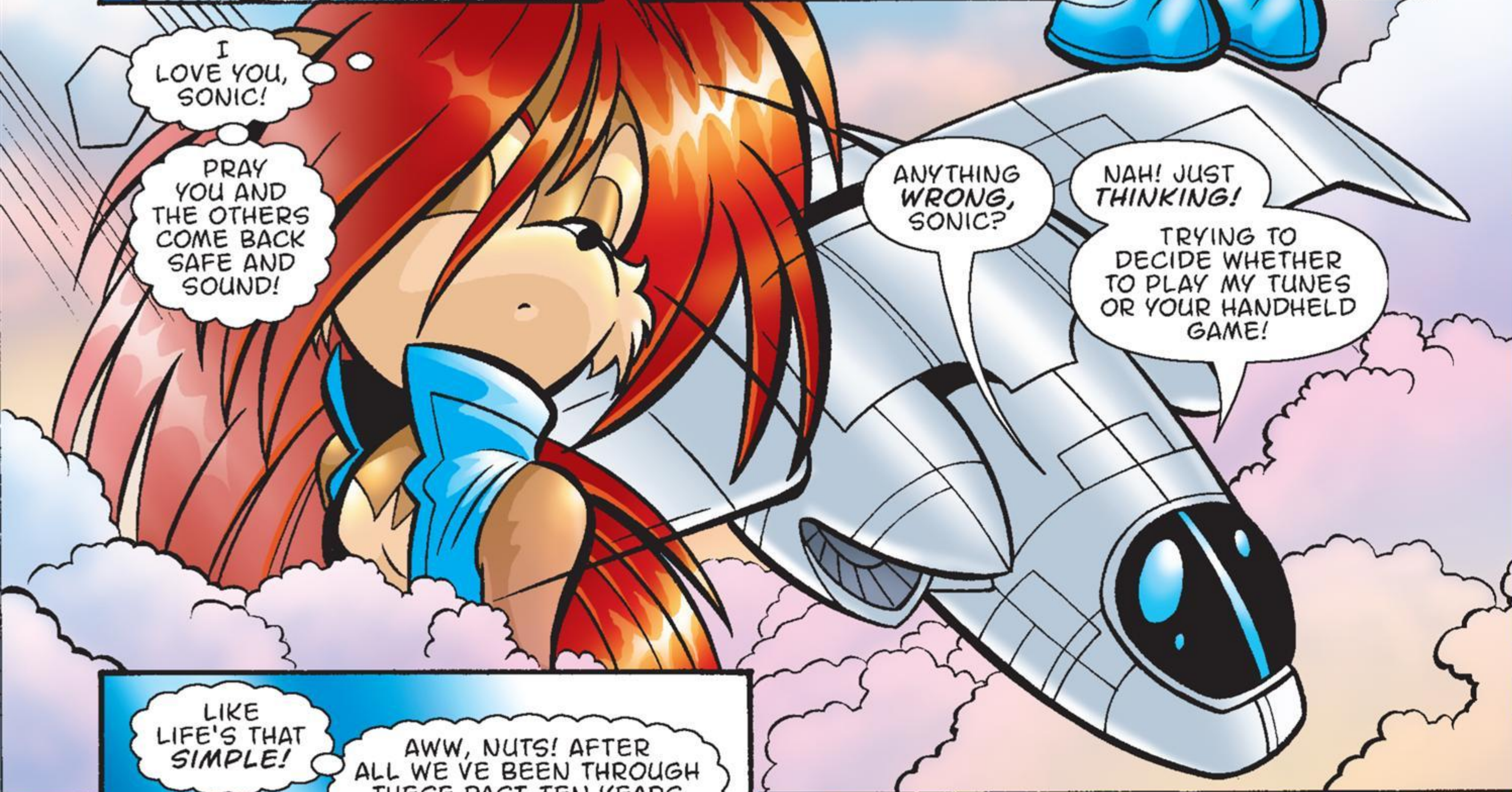
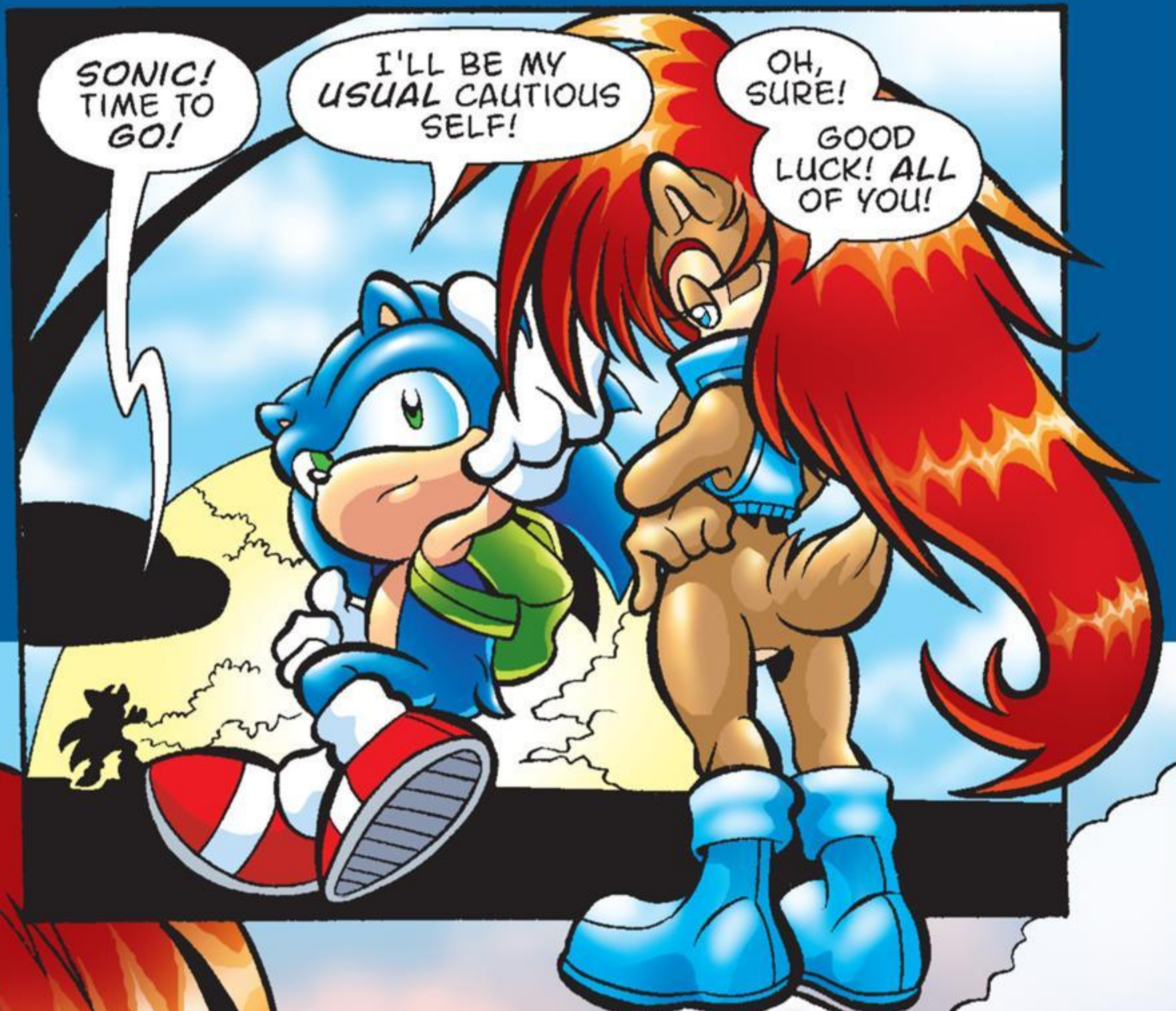
ARE WE
READY TO
GO?

JUST ABOUT,
SONIC! THE GUYS ARE
FINISHING LOADING
THE REMAINING
EQUIPMENT!

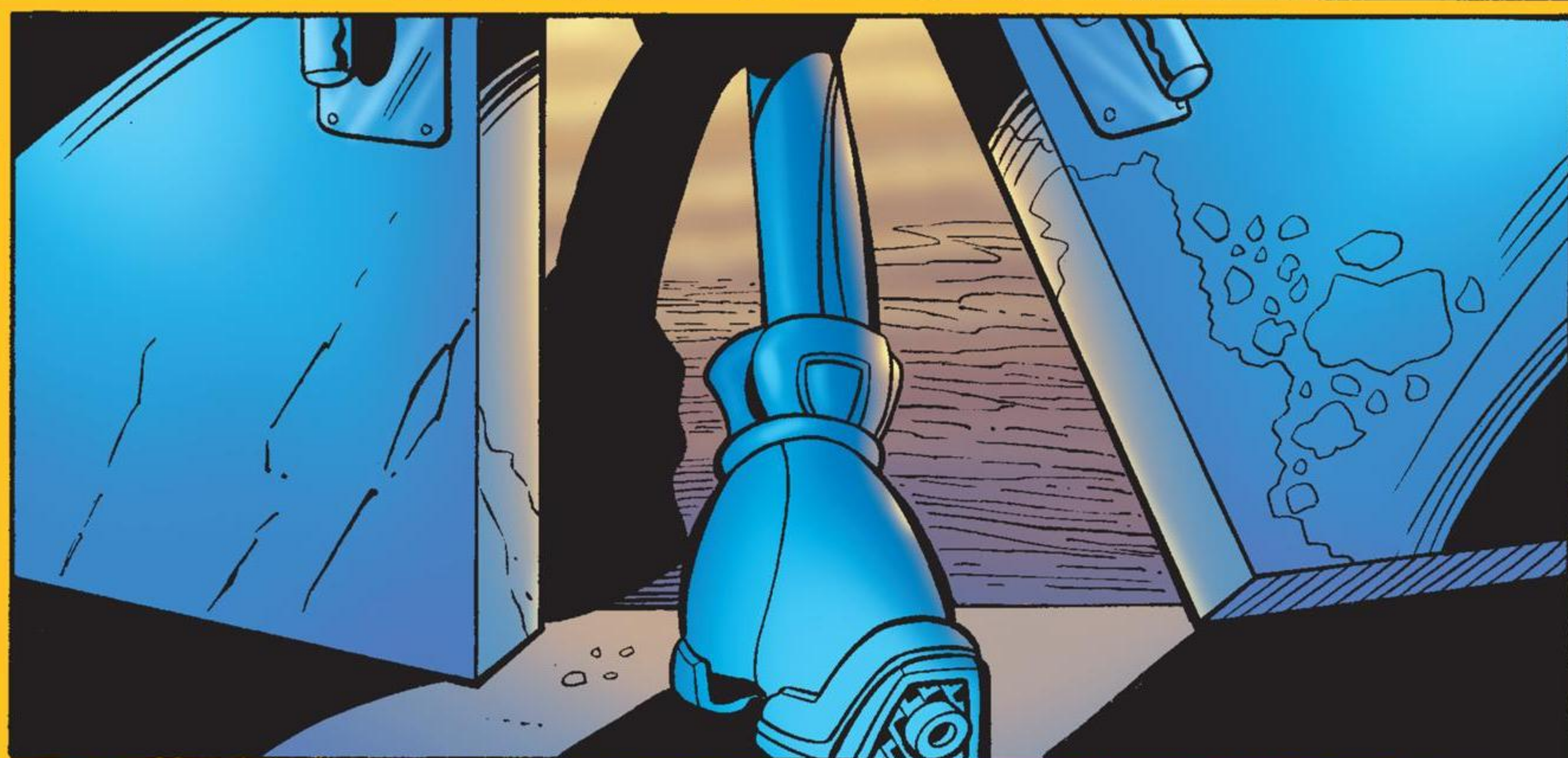
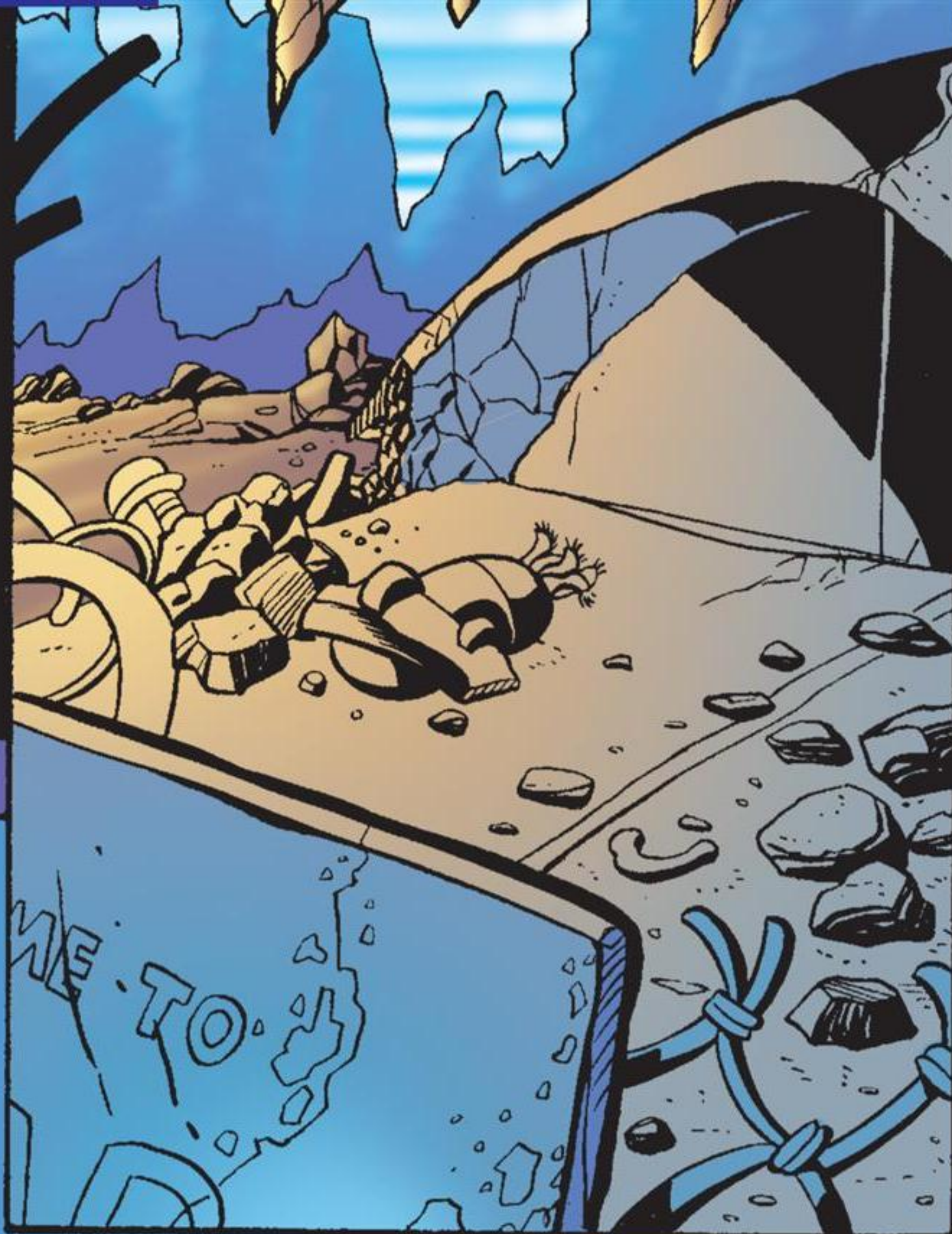
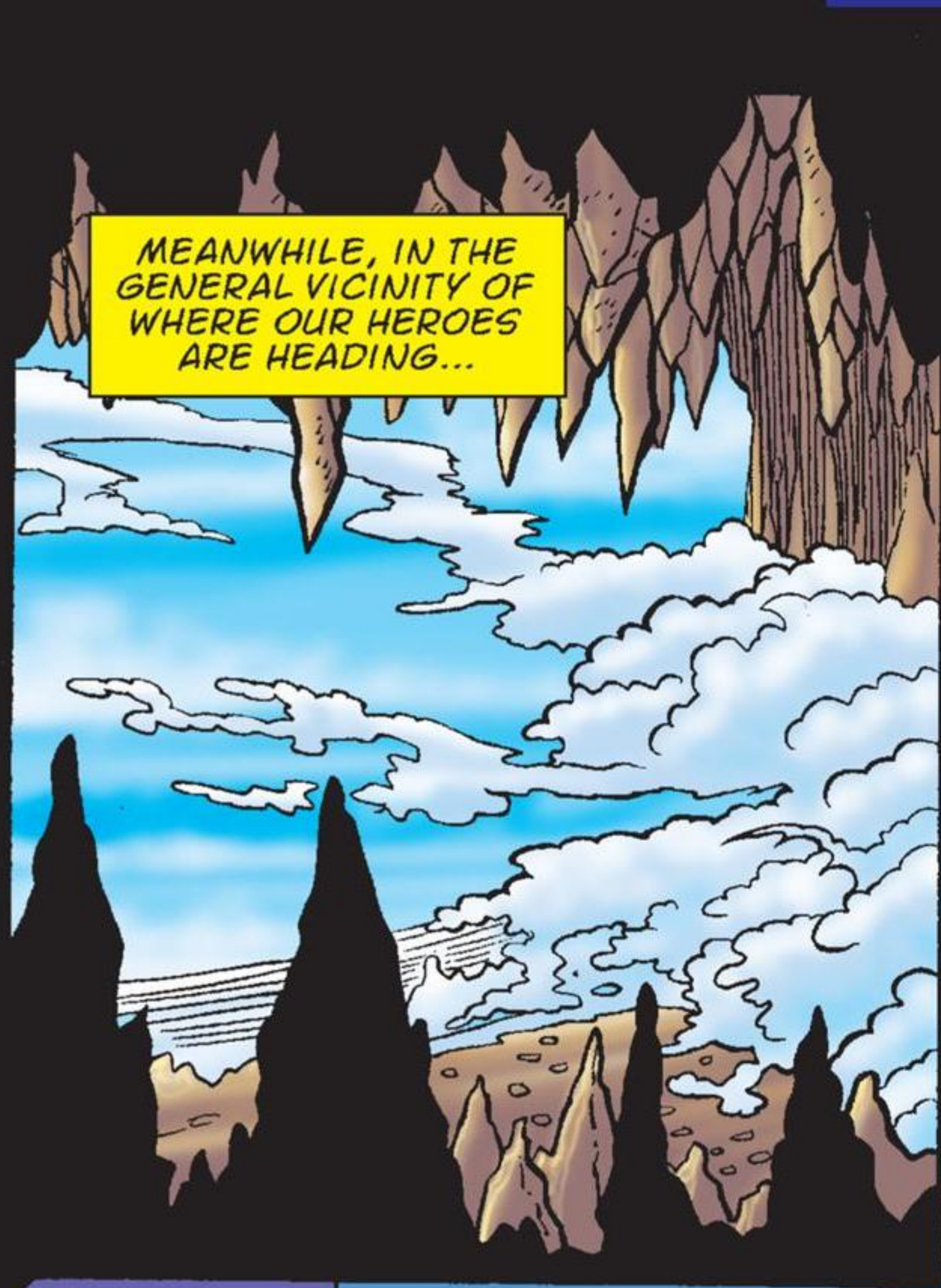


I CAME
BY TO WISH
YOU WELL!

DON'T
WORRY!
WE'LL BE
FINE!



MEANWHILE, IN THE
GENERAL VICINITY OF
WHERE OUR HEROES
ARE HEADING...



THE PROTOTYPE
FROM PROFESSOR
GERALD'S ENCRYPTED
DATA-FILES!

NOW
THAT I'VE
DISCOVERED
IT--

--WHAT
NEXT?

TO BE CONTINUED